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Robertson, Desilets elected in Uxbridge

NEW SELECTMEN EMERGE FROM CROWDED FIELD

BY ANDY LEVIN
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

UXBRIDGE — Voters elected Cari Robertson and Bruce Desilets last week, giving the Board of Selectmen a full five-member contingent for the first time in nearly a year.

Robertson and Desilets received the most votes among seven candidates seeking two 10-month terms

on the board in a special election held Tuesday, July 29. They will fill seats previously held by Daniel Stack and Julie Woods, both of whom resigned last year.

With 359 votes, Robertson topped the field. Desilets, who garnered 325 votes, came in second. Other candidates included Daniel Baker (262 votes), Mark Chludenski (240 votes),

SELECTMEN ACT ON
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Peter Quintiliani Sr. (238 votes), Mark Stacy (197 votes) and Jeanne



Bruce Desilets and Cari Robertson are Uxbridge's newest selectmen.

Hague (166 votes).

The mid-summer special election drew only about 10 percent of the town's registered voters, though the turnout total actually exceeded the low expectations of some officials here.

Robertson, who was unsuccessful in a bid for a full three-year tem on the board at the annual election in May, is a former U.S. Drug

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Douglas Elementary School gets facelift



Thomas Mattson photo

DES Principal Kim Taylor inside her newly spruced up building.

BY THOMAS MATTSO
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

DOUGLAS — In just a little less than a month, more than 400 kids in grades K-2 will hop, skip and jump into a repainted school.

Kim Taylor, principal of the ele-

mentary school, is proud of the volunteers, including parents and staff, who have shown up on hot summer weekends to help paint door frames and run blue swabs along the hallways.

"On most Saturdays during the month of July," she told the School Committee last week, "you tend to find people on the beach, away on vacation, doing yard work or just relaxing at home enjoying the beautiful summer weather."

"In the case of a group of volunteers from the Douglas community," she said, "the story is quite different."

"During two recent Saturdays, and on other assorted days during the summer, parents, staff members and even other community members put aside their summer activities to appear at Douglas Elementary School to assist with a monumental task of painting select classrooms and all the hallways."

The whole idea came from School Committee member Michael Belleville, she said, and painter Denise Skowronski organized the volunteers.

"After the addition of new classroom blinds, a new entryway sign, and new flooring last summer, this painting project was the next option in line as the school works to

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Reed departs from education board

BY THOMAS MATTSO
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

DOUGLAS — Former School Committee Chairman Margaret Reed has resigned from the board.

School Superintendent Nancy Lane said Reed told her several weeks ago of her intention to step down because of personal commitments. She made the announcement at the July 30 School Committee meeting.

The School Committee and selectmen will meet Aug. 19 in the Municipal Center to cast a joint vote for a candidate to serve in Reed's place until the next annual town elections in May 2009.

Reed was first elected to the

School Committee in 2004 and was reelected in 2007. She had just completed the first year of her second three-year term. She brought a professional background in education to the board. But the biggest event of her tenure was the resignation of former School Superintendent Concetta Verge in 2005. Reed had lodged strong criticisms against Verge, periodically acknowledging she wanted to work with her. But in the end, the criticisms Reed stated became more and more the tenor of other board members' expressed views toward Verge, and the 12-year school head handed in her resignation.

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Jenckes Store preserves tradition

BY THOMAS MATTSO
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

DOUGLAS — The E.N. Jenckes Store and Museum on Main and Depot streets, a town landmark, is being repainted and a new, massive skylight installed.

The Jenckes Store and Museum, listed in the Massachusetts and U.S. Registers of Historic Places, received a matching grant from the Massachusetts Preservation

Projects Fund through the Massachusetts Historical Commission. The Douglas Historical Society hired MGZ Design and Construction of Upton to do the work.

Although the store dates back at least to 1839, it was still being run in 1971 by the daughters of Edward Jenckes, who owned and managed the store from the latter part of the 19th century well into the 20th.

Edward Jenckes came from Glendale, R.I. in 1883 and married Ella Keith of Douglas. The couple had three children, Edward N. Jr., E. Mialma and Helen R. Jenckes. According to local historian Lucius Marsh Jr., Edward Jenckes, who was a newspaper writer, died in the 1960s. His widow, Methyl (Jones) Jenckes, continued living in town. A married daughter was reported to be living elsewhere.

Edward N. Jenckes held a number of town offices. A Democrat, he was a selectman and a state representative to the General Court.

In the 1890s, Marsh noted, the Jenckes Store had dry goods as



Thomas Mattson photo

Painter Wayne Curtis looks through an interior window at the new skylight just installed.

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Thomas Mattson photo

Todd Polando, 8, of Uxbridge, climbs a chain ladder at the Blackstone Valley Boys and Girls Club last week.

GONE TO THE CLUB

BLACKSTONE VALLEY'S BOYS & GIRLS HAVE A BLAST

BY THOMAS MATTSO
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

BLACKSTONE — The place has the same allure as a chocolate factory.

The Blackstone Valley Boys and

Girls Club does not serve chocolates to some 325 kids who take part in a 10-week summer program. But short of that, it provides an atmosphere that is entirely kid-friendly. And in sur-

roundings that are completely opposite of the usual image of a youth center inside a brick building somewhere in the heart of a

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Local conservation projects approved by Senate

REGION — The state Senate approved legislation last Tuesday to advance the conservation and acquisition of recreational land and to make improvements to state park facilities and properties operated by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and other state environmental agencies including the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Within the \$1.7 billion approved in bonds, Sen. Richard Moore, D-Uxbridge, was able to secure funds for various projects in his district.

"I am happy to see projects funded once again for many of our local communities," said Moore. "Recreation and the upkeep and maintenance of our environment around us is important to the livelihood of our residents, and the vitality of our communities."

Senate President Therese Murray, D-Plymouth, said the environmental bond bill is a valuable investment in recreational land that is important to residents across the Commonwealth.

"No matter where you live, people always know how to get to the parks, beaches and recreational areas," Murray said. "It's a quality of life issue that is important to everyone, and we need to make sure that our open space and recreational facilities maintain their appeal and functionality."

The bond bill includes \$1.4 billion for land protection and acquisition, and another \$325 million to enhance public parks and rebuild infrastructure, including the repair and construction of DCR bridges and state-run campgrounds, hiking trails, swimming pools, beaches and skating rinks.

"Our public parks are suffering from a long-standing billion dollar to-do-list and this will help carry out many projects," said Sen. Pam Resor, D-Acton, Senate chair of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. "Authorizing this bond money is only the first step, and we look forward to the administration taking the next step to implement critical improvement projects."

The bill also provides for the design and construction of urban parks in neighborhoods where there is a lack of recreational space, and it includes authorization for new programs to address climate change, wildlife protection and deteriorating water supply infrastructure.

Among the projects secured by Moore in the Senate were:

- French River Greenway — Provides \$250,000 for the cleaning and clearing of the trail system that runs through the communities of Dudley, Webster and Oxford.

- River Bend Farm Visitors Center — Provides \$250,000 for the construction of a pavilion and amphitheater at the River Bend Farm Visitors Center.

- Milford Pond — Provides \$2.7 million for the cleanup and maintenance of Milford Pond.

While the previous projects have been approved by the Senate, there are also projects that await approval in the House of Representatives, with full approval from Moore:

- Webster Lake — Requested by Rep. Paul Kujawski, D-Webster, this would provide \$2 million for sediment control of Webster Lake.

- Godfrey Brook — Requested by Rep. John Fernandes, D-Milford, this would provide \$4 million for the cleanup and maintenance of Godfrey Brook.

- Unity Park — Requested by Rep. Paul Frost, R-Auburn, this would provide \$50,000 for improvements and repairs to Unity Park in Sutton.

- Sewer Line Cleanup — Requested by Frost, this would provide \$100,000 for the cleanup of asbestos in Sutton sewer lines.

- Drinking Water Revolving Fund — This would continue the water pollution abatement trust grandfathered drinking water revolving fund grant, for the amount of \$42.3 million. The grant provides cities and towns with financial assistance to meet debt service obligations incurred while constructing new water treatment projects.

The Senate approvals now go to the House of Representatives for further action.

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— QUOTATION OF THE WEEK —

"They are doing the best with what they have [at the high school], but we need to build a new school. I want to see the numbers."

— New Uxbridge Selectman Bruce Desilets

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Holland	14
Leicester	125
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Oxford	90
Southbridge	164
Spencer	121
Sturbridge	58
Uxbridge	74
Wales	11
Webster	246

SUNRISE/SUNSET

Saturday, Aug. 9	5:50 a.m.	7:56 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 10	5:51 a.m.	7:55 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 11	5:52 a.m.	7:54 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 12	5:53 a.m.	7:52 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 13	5:54 a.m.	7:51 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 14	5:55 a.m.	7:49 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 15	5:56 a.m.	7:48 p.m.

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• \$244,000, 77 Prospect St., Benoit, Linda A., and Benoit, Stephen P., to Rothgeb, Jonathan D., and Rothgeb, Vera L.

UXBRIDGE

• \$227,674, 11 C St. #2, Gottlieb, Jessica R., and MERS, to FNMA.

• \$325,000, 626 Douglas St., 85 Douglas NT, and Jones, Albert S., to Harris Avenue RT, and Stuczynski, Paul J.

• \$371,159, 17 Andrews Dr., Northwind Partners Ma. LLC, to Verdo, Andre, and Verdo, Denise.

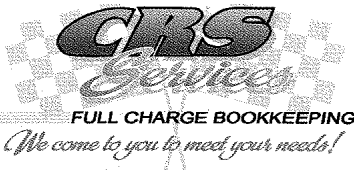
• \$1,000,000, Balm of Life Spring Road, Riba RT, and Johnson, Barbara D., to NTS realty LLC.

THE FIVE QUESTIONS

1. In YUPPIE talk what is a DINKIE
2. What is unusual about the words abstentious or facetious?
3. How many states abut Michigan?
4. What is the northernmost of the Great Lakes?
5. Who was our only bachelor U.S. President?

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Oscar Wilde



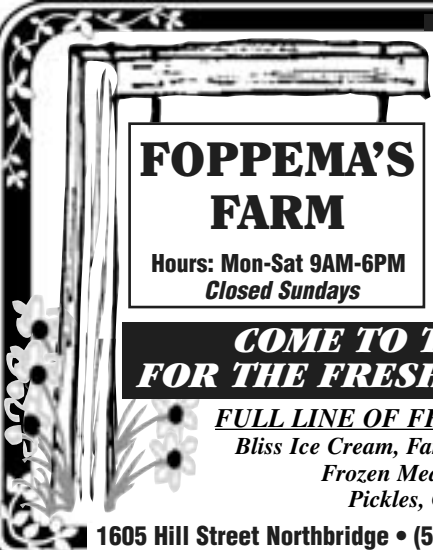
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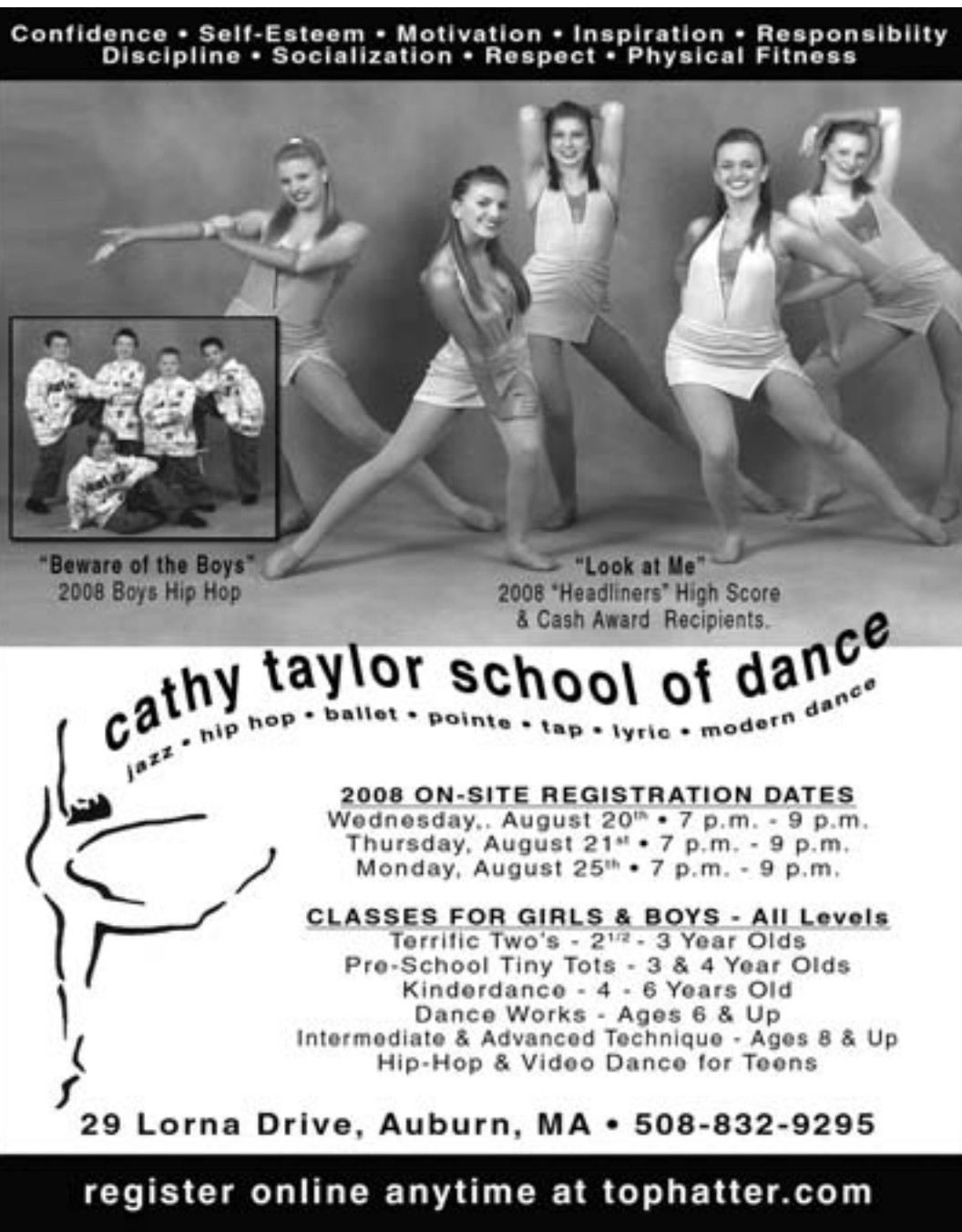
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Rolling Dam and Blackstone Gorge tied to history

BY THOMAS MATTSON
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

REGION — Several of the most impressive aspects of the Blackstone River are the Rolling Dam in Blackstone and the Millville Lock and Triad Bridges in that adjoining town to the north.

The Rolling Dam, also called the Roaring Dam because of the noise the rushing and falling water makes, was built in 1886 by Blackstone resident Daniel Simmons, because the Blackstone Manufacturing Company wanted a new, more adequate dam.

It is by far the biggest dam on the 46-mile Blackstone River, with a width estimated at about 130 feet and a drop anywhere from 9 to 15 feet because of the uneven river bottom just under the dam.

It is just below the Rolling Dam that the wildest stretch of the river appears, the so-called Blackstone Gorge.

But anyone who searches for the Millville lock, the best-preserved of some 49 locks built in the late 1820s from Worcester to Providence, will find himself in a double gorge that runs from Millville Center almost a mile south to the Triad Bridges and to the lock itself. An old railroad bed runs like a mountain ridge for nearly a mile, with gorges up to 100 feet in depth on either side.

MILLVILLE LOCK

The Millville lock on the Blackstone Canal is the only fully intact lock on the whole canal. It allowed canal boats to rise or descend more than 438 feet of altitude along the Blackstone River as they plied their ways back and forth from Worcester to Providence.

The locks filled up with water in a few moments to permit leveling so that a canal boat could continue on its course. The wooden gates are gone, but the large granite slabs remain as they were laid in place in 1825-26. From 1828-1848 these locks allowed canal boats to operate from sunrise to sundown, six days a week at speeds of approximately 3.5 miles per hour. Lady Carrington, the first canal boat, in 2003 celebrated its 175th anniversary.

It traveled for 18 hours from Providence to Worcester. Cloth, lumber and all kinds of household and building supplies were carried to Worcester. Before the canal was built, Worcester was smaller than Sutton. In only a few years, Worcester's population tripled because of the commerce that flourished from use of the canal.

The locks had to be watertight, big enough to accommodate the canal



Thomas Mattson photos

Above left clockwise: The Rolling Dam on the Blackstone River in Blackstone, probably the largest falls on the 46-mile-long waterway, is just north of the Blackstone Gorge, a rugged narrows with increased water pressure. A family gets in a little fishing just above the Rolling Dam, where the river spreads out. The Millville Lock is the best-preserved section of the 1828 Blackstone Canal.

boats, and strong enough to withstand the changing water pressures as the lock chamber filled with water, then released it so that the lock water became level with the river below. And those huge blocks of granite were put in place by hand. There was no modern heavy machinery to help with that.

The canal ran directly through Millville, which was a part of Blackstone until 1916. In 1827, the canal company established its northern store and shipping depot in Millville. The next year the rest of the canal, up to Worcester, was opened.

Several large woolen and cotton mills were built in what is now Millville during the two decades (1828-1848) that the canal was operative.

TRIAD BRIDGES

The suggested access to the lock and Triad Bridges in Millville is via Central Street at the center of Millville. After parking at St. John's Episcopal ("the stone") Church, a visitor walks a path that leads south some three-quarters of a mile directly to the Triad Bridges. This is a state-owned rail-bed trail that runs almost perfectly straight. About halfway to the Triad Bridges, a path leads off to the left to the lock, but it

is unmarked and thus hard to find because there are several such paths off the main route.

At the surprising Triad Bridges that appear out of nowhere in jungle-like wilds, the river under the bridges is the canal. The lowest bridge is the Providence & Worcester Railroad. The second bridge vertically is the New York & New England Railroad. The other piers and abutments are for a higher, never completed bridge for the Southern New England Railroad.

By 1827, some 1,000 Irish immigrants were working along the length of the Blackstone Canal. Many had already gained experience working on the Erie Canal.

The reason the steel abutments and concrete supports for a third bridge over the Blackstone are still intact but the bridge unfinished nearly a century after its girders were driven into what was then Blackstone (but is now Millville) ledge is that the man who headed the Grand Trunk Pacific (GTP), a trans-Canada railway system, went down with the Titanic in April, 1912. That ended GTP's expansion.

The line through what is now Millville was a project of the Southern New England Railway, a subsidiary of the GTP Railway, which also owned the Central



Vermont Railway. The latter ran from Vermont to Palmer, Massachusetts, and Hays wanted the network to wind up at the open port of Providence.

The Great Depression drove the final nail in the coffin of attempts by mostly Rhode Island businessmen over a 20-year span to revive the project as a way of competing with the New York, New Haven &

Hartford Railroad's rates.

In Millville, the Southern New England line would have crossed the Blackstone River on a high bridge, with both the New York and New England Railroad (now abandoned) and the Providence and Worcester Railroad (still in use) below.

The main route was to have gone through Woonsocket to downtown Providence,

THE 5 ANSWERS

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| 1. Dual Income No Kids | 4. Lake Superior |
| 2. Both include all the vowels in alphabetical order | 5. Martin Van Buren |
| 3. Three: Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin | |



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Art and
vulgarity

Northbridge selectmen certainly did the right thing when they voted July 28 to accept a policy manual that contains standards for local cable access television.

A bizarre and unquestionably obscene piece that aired recently on the town's cable access channel instigated the board's action. This came, of course, after a very understandable public outcry.

Perhaps you missed the uproar if you were away on vacation the past several weeks. The segment called into question featured an act of sodomy with a garden tool and also a masochistic scene that incorporated male genitalia and a mousetrap. The film not only created a tidal wave of opposition in Northbridge, but also created a bit of a mini sensation across the state for days when word got out.

We certainly respect the right of all artists' self-expression, but "art" of this type should be restricted to those who have a penchant for such weirdness. Local cable access is free to all Charter subscribers and should not be a venue where children can see such disturbing material.

We are neither prudes nor puritans, and we recognize the place nudity has historically had n the world of art. But the content shown on Northbridge cable access was miles from Michelangelo's sculpture of David or even lesser works of art that display nudity. It was perverse vulgarity and we're sure an other-wise decent program producer has had second thoughts about letting it on the air.

ADIOS, MANNY

The greatest right-handed hitter in the history of the Boston Red Sox finally took his antics too far and is now playing his home games as a member of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Manny Ramirez helped lead the Sox to two World Series championships, but when he decided he was more important than the team, management made the correct call and took 80 cents on the dollar to send him packing.

Manny loved to play the clown for his adoring fans, but in the end he proved to be nothing more than a greedy businessman. We will miss his assassin's swing... but grew quite tired of his over-the-top narcissism.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A true sense of community

To the Editor: On most Saturdays during the month of July, you tend to find people on the beach, away on vacation, doing yard work or just relaxing at home enjoying the beautiful summer weather.

In the case of a group of volunteers from Douglas, the story is quite different. During two recent Saturdays, and other assorted days during the summer weeks, parents, staff members, and other community members put aside their many summer activities to appear at Douglas Elementary School to assist with a monumental task of painting select classrooms and all the hallways. It was quite an honorable task for this group of people, considering the recent temperatures and humidity!

Suggested by School Committee member Mike Belleville, and organized by parent and local painter Denise Skowronski, volunteers were recruited to change classroom and hallway colors, which would "spruce up" our building. After the addition of new classroom blinds, a new entryway sign, and new flooring last summer, this painting project was the next option in line as the school

works to improve its overall physical plant.

This couldn't be accomplished without the hard work, dedication, and motivation of this astounding group of people. As the principal of the elementary school, I am truly grateful to have teachers who are willing to go way above and beyond the regular call of duty in the name of their school, parents who are willing to take time away from their families on the weekends, and residents who are willing to step up and assist with the beautification of a building that is part of the bigger community picture. It is honorable, admirable, and amazing that all of these different groups of people can come together to support our community, and ultimately, the children of Douglas Elementary School. As the summer continues, and our school custodians work tirelessly to ready the building for September, I will look at the newly painted classrooms and hallways with admiration for a project that exhibited a true sense of community.

KIMBERLY TAYLOR
PRINCIPAL, DES

The Race Card

What is the race card, exactly? Republican presidential hopeful John McCain claims his Democratic opponent Barack Obama used it, while Obama's campaign manager argues that he did not.

The comment in question? Obama's remarks that McCain is going to use scare tactics to convince voters to support the Republican cause in November, saying last Thursday in Springfield, Mo. that accusations sound something like: "You know, he's not patriotic enough, he's got a funny name, you know, he doesn't look like all those other presidents on the dollar bills."

It's no surprise, really, that McCain's campaign manager Rick Davis made the following statement: "Barack Obama has played the race card, and he played it from the bottom of the deck. It's divisive, negative, shameful and wrong."

McCain echoed his comments, saying: "I'm disappointed that Senator Obama would say the things he's saying."

It makes me wonder what the "race card" is, exactly, and what McCain and Davis meant when they said Obama used it.

In many ways, prior to this election, to the vast majority, it seemed like it was safe to say we lived in a "post" world—a world "post-feminism" and "post-racism," even, or at least post-racism of the sort that most people remembered seeing during the 1960s or earlier in our nation's history.

If this primary season proved anything, I think it is that the using the prefix "post" next to words like racism and feminism isn't only inaccurate but also deeply, and sadly, ironic.

Did Obama play the "race card" when he made the statements about being unlike presidents on American dollar bills? I guess that depends on what the race card means. Here's one way to define it: let's think about what the white race card means for a moment, instead of the black race card.

I had the privilege of speaking to Peggy McIntosh, a white woman who is the associate director of the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women, when she came to visit my college campus during my senior year.

She spoke to us about, and read to us from her article titled "White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack."

The title is quite self-explanatory — but just in case it isn't, McIntosh's article goes on to



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explain: "I have come to see white privilege as an invisible package of unearned assets that I can count on cashing in each day, but about which I was 'meant' to remain oblivious. White privilege is like an invisible weightless knapsack of special provisions, maps, passports, codebooks, visas, clothes, tools, and blank checks."

Some of the many things McIntosh lists as benefits of white privilege people like me and McCain can cash in on everyday? Here's a few, in McIntosh's own words:

— "I can if I wish arrange to be in the company of people of my race most of the time."

— "I can avoid spending time with people whom I was trained to mistrust and who have learned to mistrust my kind or me."

— "I can go shopping alone most of the time, pretty well assured that I will not be followed or harassed."

— "I can turn on the television or open to the front page of the paper and see people of my race widely represented."

— "When I am told about our national heritage or about 'civilization,' I am shown that people of my color made it what it is."

— "I can be sure that my children will be given curricular materials that testify to the existence of their race."

— "I do not have to educate my children to be aware of systemic racism for their own daily physical protection."

— "I can be pretty sure that my children's teachers and employers will tolerate them if they fit school and workplace norms; my chief worries about them do not concern others' attitudes toward their race."

— "I can swear, or dress in second hand clothes, or not answer letters, without having people attribute these choices to the bad morals, the poverty or the illiteracy of my race."

- "I can speak in public to a powerful male group without putting my race on trial."

- "I can do well in a challenging situation without being called a credit to my race."

She lists many more, and there are many things in this world—and this election — that we could come up with, too. On the same token, however, there are just as many that we could come up with that would show that other privileges — like male privilege (think: the Hillary Clinton campaign) — exist, which is something that Obama admittedly isn't immune to cashing in on, either.

Just a Word

Stuart Baker was a dairy farmer up on Williams Hill in Uxbridge and he once told me about the Dutchman back home in Holland who thought Minnesota farmers were too honest.

Minnesota entered the discussion when I told him I hailed from that state.

The story went that a shipment of wheat sent to Holland from Minnesota bore words that seemed to say to the Dutch farmer "Poor Wheat." It had something to do with the word "minne." The word Minnesota comes from a Dakota Sioux word meaning "sky-tinted water." Another definition says "cloudy water."

I had trouble finding a Dutch word for "poor" that was similar to "minne."

Of course, "minne" means "small" today. But that was not what the Dutch farmer said. He said "poor wheat."

What the shipment really said, of course, was "Minnesota Wheat." He just read it wrong. So I called Dr. John Baker, who often knows about these matters and a whole lot else.

And he found a dictionary and went at it.

"Well," he said, "'arm' is 'poor,' and 'behoefte,' and 'armeljik,' 'armoedig,' 'schraal,' 'dor,' 'mager,' 'armzalig,' 'traurig,' 'erbarmeljik.'"

But no 'minne.' Not even a 'sota.'

Baker and I reminisced about taking German in high school, which is very close to Dutch.

He memorized a poem by Heinrich Heine about the Lorelei, in mythology one of the beautiful Rhine maidens who lured sailors to their dooms with their singing.

I remembered having German as a freshman at 9 a.m. and being driven to hunger by reading about "Kaffee und schwarze Brot mit Marmelade."

I could just see that Black Forest bread and imagine slicing off the end and putting marmelade on it. Although I was too young to drink coffee, I liked the idea. Our teacher had us wanting to wear Lederhosen and tramp through the Black Forest. Eventually I did, although I wore khaki chinos instead of Lederhosen. And it was the Semmerling Mountains in Bavaria.

It is a little thing, but I remember looking up at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in New Orleans once and trying to decipher the Latin inscription in large letters across the top. It said "Dei Parvae Sine Labe Conceptae." I figured it was saying "Little Child of God Without Labor Conceived." The word "Child" had a feminine ending. Decades later, I phoned the priest at St. Louis Cathedral nearby in the Vieux Carre section of that city. He told me the inscription did refer to a church around the corner.

But before I called him, I checked the phrase with a Latin teacher in a Catholic high school in the Worcester area. The Latin teacher had no idea what the words meant. Or maybe he was just in a hurry. Maybe he thought only some kind of nut would seek out a Latin teacher and ask him to translate something. I am sure I tried to reach Nancy Sweeney at Northbridge High but could not find her. There is nothing in Latin she does not know.

It also turns out the Roman Catholic Church has a fascinating history with the Immaculate Conception. Many people mistakenly think the phrase refers to the birth of Jesus. But what it refers to is the conception of Mary herself. Some major saints did not accept the Immaculate Conception, but since a papal pronouncement elevating it to the status of a dogma in 1854, it has gradually achieved a firm place in Catholic theology.

One of the reasons I have trouble with hard rock and rap is that I can never understand what anyone is saying. They kind of blare things out and the younger set catches every word but I am hopeless. Rock stars always try to sound as if they grew up in the Deep South or on the Oklahoma plains, where they figure nobody bothers to pronounce syllables and just lets everything slide together. The English rock singers, beginning with the Beatles, are better because they pronounce things. Even a British chorus singing Handel or Bach of Mozart has an edge in enunciation and it can give a whole choral performance a bite that American choruses or choirs do not seem to achieve.

I had a grandmother born in 1890 who always said: "Isn't that the berries!" I thought it was because she grew up on a berry farm. But it apparently meant "perfect" or "money."

In 1920s America, language was quite inventive.

"Egg" meant a person who lives the big life. There may be a connection in that with Scott Fitzgerald's use of the place name "West Egg" as a synonym for almost unattainable wealth in "The Great Gatsby."

"Heavy sugar" meant money. "Ish kabibble," the name of a musician, was translated as "I should care." "Joe" stood for coffee. "Lollapalooza" equaled "humdinger."

"Now you're on the trolley" meant "Now you've got it... You're right."

A "palooka," after the comic strip 'Joe Palooka,' was a below-average boxer.

"Punch the bag" was "small talk."

"Says you" was a reaction of disbelief. "Scratch" was money and a "sinker" was a donut.



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OPINION

Unwitting pawns of the gay agenda

Almost lubricious attempt at mainstreaming bisexuality was advanced some time ago in a provocative essay by science writer Emily V. Driscoll.

Ms. Driscoll related the story of a temporary conjugal arrangement of sorts between two male penguins in captivity and surveyed the available research on the sexually promiscuous shenanigans of the bonobo, a close relative of the chimpanzee, which are known for quenching their sexual appetite with virtually any member of their clan despite gender or genealogy. In keeping with the central argument of her thesis, Driscoll did not veer much from the standard arguments about the ubiquitous regularity of what many “less enlightened” folk obstinately continue to regard as deviant sexual behavior. She counseled on what any marginally educated individual should be required to accept as the natural “malleability of sexual orientation,” implicitly endorsing a moral imperative for the cultural acceptance of divergent sexual practices, and she joined the chorus of respected academics in concert with the premise that the heterosexual trend is merely a social construct imposed on this our modern society.

In her essay, Driscoll recounts the rather peculiar antics of Robert Gramzay, a keeper at New York’s Central Park Zoo, who peered into the fabulous courtship of the aforementioned two chinstrap penguins.

After failing to procure a suitable mate from the opposite sex, the two male penguins were compelled by the forces of nature to further enhance what was once a strictly

platonic relationship (some argue that reproductive logistics in a state of captivity could have also influenced their choice). They then built a nest into which Gramzay promptly slipped an egg he snatched from a nearby “straight” penguin couple who were experiencing “marital difficulties.”

The story quickly gained national attention and became a standard fare argument in the homosexual community for reaffirming the organic essence of what has only until recently been thought of as a disordered sexual proclivity.

Driscoll summons biologist Joan E. Roughgarden’s groundbreaking research on animal sexual behavior to validate the unusual consequences of Gramzay’s creative intervention on behalf of the two flightless waddlers. Roughgarden, a professor at Stanford University, maintains that bisexual behavior is a common occurrence in the animal kingdom, and far too often a culturally suppressed indigenous trait of the human species. She believes along with behavioral ecologist Marlene Zuk, of the University of California, and Petter Bäckman, an academic adviser at the University of Oslo’s Museum of Natural History, that homosexuality in the animal kingdom is a commendable genetic trait of our bipedal ancestors, as it tends to promote a more cohesive environment and ensure the avoidance of conflict and survival of the community. Succinctly put by Emory University Primatologist Frans B. M. de Waal: “The more homosexuality, the more peaceful the species.”

Driscoll also appeals to former



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football coach turned sociologist Eric Anderson, who conducted a study in which, allegedly, more than a third of American football players admitted to having sexual relations with other men. By showing indomitable jocks surrendering to an almost instinctual proneness to engage in homosexual behavior, Anderson’s empirical data would put an end to the notion that homosexual behavior is not what nature intended.

But one can not help but glean a certain bias in the evidence presented by the abovementioned experts, as they would all appear, upon closer examination, to have a vested interest in the validation of their conclusions.

Professor Joan E. Roughgarden for example, is one formerly known as Mr. John Roughgarden, prior to his extended sabbatical during which his organ of copulation was surgically removed and his entire wardrobe refurbished. Behavioral ecologist Professor Marlene Zuk proudly introduces herself to her audiences as a feminist biologist. Dr. Eric Anderson’s claim to fame is that he is reported to be the first openly gay male high school sports coach in the US. Zookeeper Robert

Gramzay is also an avowed homosexual. Primatologist De Waal’s alleged reports of rampant bisexual behavior in the bonobos’ primordial setting are supported by sequences that were actually recorded while in captivity, and Zoologist Petter Bäckman, who once organized a lewd pictorial exhibit of homosexual behavior in the wild, confessed that the endeavor was unashamedly laced with a “political motive.”

Yet even if we give these scholars the benefit of the doubt and dismiss any politically incorrect accusation of bias associated with their own personal ideology or sexual orientation, there is still the problem of failing to admit that animal behavior is quite significantly altered in the less than primeval milieu of captivity, where it could not be accurately classified as being purely organic.

Range from things like eating their own feces to killing their offspring and engaging in incestuous relations, animals in captivity have been known to engage in very dysfunctional behavior, due primarily to the adulterated surroundings in which they are forced to coexist.

Furthermore, animals are not known to morally compartmentalize their diverse venues of sexual interaction. They do not consciously separate sexual activity intended for procreation from that which is intended for pure entertainment. It is safe to assume that for them it is all one and the same, unlike humans who fully understand the implications of sexual intercourse and are more than instinctively prone to choose the different sexual activities they can be engaged in order to

achieve specific desired results. This is something that bonobos do not possess the necessary cognitive awareness to fully apprehend.

But if we were to accept as the final word from these scholars that wild animals habitually engage in what we humans have come to characterize as unorthodox sexual behavior — along with their subtle advocacy for progressive sexual enlightenment of their own species — the alleged findings would tend to undermine the evolutionary model upon which their original premise is anchored in the first place.

In other words, why would a — cognitively and otherwise — more advanced species like humans evolve to adopt the sexual practices of a presumed kindred species that is manifestly proven to have peaked at a lower developmental gradient on the evolutionary chain? The real answer to this question is that humans know better, but I suspect that evolutionary biologists have already thought of a much more exotic repartee to this objection.

In the end, the dubious claims from these academics in support of the notion that bisexuality (presently a trendy segue into the subject of homosexuality) is a genetically ingrained condition of the human race serve only to illustrate the lengths to which some will go to justify the compulsory social acceptance of their personal sexual eccentricities — but mostly as confirmation to the old adage that a little knowledge can be a very dangerous thing.

Miguel Guanipa, of Whitinsville, is a Tribune columnist.

It’s just Kerry being un-Kerry

John Kerry is no favorite at this address, for a number of reasons. Near the top of the list are the shenanigans between the senator and his senior colleague, Ted Kennedy, in opposing the president’s choice of Sturbridge’s own Reed Hillman as U.S. marshal.

He’s also a boorish boob whose best political move would be to keep his mouth shut.

That being said, the latest Kerry Kontroversy, if you will, isn’t a controversy at all. It’s all media rubbish, pure and simple.

If you don’t know, his Lurchness, John Kerry, is the subject of pics snapped on Nantucket last weekend. In at least one of the photos, he is in the company of a bevy of young women; some holding cups one can assume weren’t holding milk. The photos, which, by the way, do no favors to Kerry’s looks, appeared on TMZ.com. One of them, shows Kerry either caught blinking or looking a little confused.

The furor surrounds a claim by TMZ.com (a rather trashy “media”

site) that the photos were taken at a party attended by several young ladies. A Kerry aide told one Boston paper that is patently untrue.

On the other hand, one of the photos shows what looks an awful lot like Kerry holding a canned beverage — filled with what, it is unclear — while one of the girls, her mouth in the shape of an “O” — holds her hand over his. It could be one of the girls’ hands, but if so, she is in dire need of a cup of Palmolive and a manicure.

Even if the girls were drinking and Kerry was with them, assuming they’re all legal, what’s the crime?

So let’s stop and think for a moment what we’re talking about here. A guy — an aging guy, but a guy nonetheless — is photographed in the company of attractive women.

Stop the presses!

In the Boston Herald’s case, it wasn’t exactly that kind of a moment, but the photos and accompanying editorial slop took up much of its popular, two-page



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Inside Track feature.

Listen, this isn’t to say Kerry is a relative of Albert Einstein. Really, someone in his position does need to exhibit a little more common sense. Like it or not, we live in an age where, even if you’re a semi-celebrity, you’re fodder for the paparazzi.

But we’re not exactly talking about photos of the senator walking into a hotel elevator with some blonde, a la Alex Rodriguez. It’s a rather awkward (and, yes, confused looking) Kerry doing what most warm-blooded, heterosexual males would do without thinking if given the opportunity — hanging

with some good looking women.

Hey, I gotta tell ya. Photos like these reassure me some about old Lurch. A couple of photos with a few young women? We’re supposed to blame the guy?

Of course, the media being the media (oh, yeah, we’re part of that, aren’t we?), the gals who dish the Inside Track for the Herald revisited some other “incidents” from Kerry’s past. Like in 1998, when reports had an ex-model dropping off a resume — at midnight. Or last year, when he was photographed with two women and could, according to reports, be seen in the photo getting a real good glimpse of cleavage.

Oh, the horror: A guy looking at a girl’s breasts.

As for the visit in 1998 by that ex-model, hey, maybe Kerry was telling the truth and she really was applying for a job.

But if Kerry has done a Clinton and been unfaithful to his spouse at some point during their marriage, it’s between him and the Mrs.

What this Nantucket thing boils

down to is a guy — a married guy, yes — spending some time with some fawning young gals, hardly a crime, even in law happy Massachusetts. It might have been a poor choice on the part of a guy who knows — or should know, anyway — that he’s a publicity target, but maybe he didn’t notice the cameras going off. Then again, he is looking directly into the camera in at least one shot.

Poor John. He finally has a moment where he comes across as a normal, everyday Joe doing what normal, everyday Joes (or those vacationing on Nantucket, anyway) would love to do and he gets nailed for it. Of course, it is TMZ.com we’re talking about — not exactly a beacon of journalistic integrity.

I look at this episode as Kerry being un-Kerry. Sometimes, you’ve just gotta let your high-priced hair down.

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The Race Card

REARDON

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Obama isn’t perfect, not a saint or an innocent, and while he can’t cash in on white privilege, it’s only fair to acknowledge that he can cash in on other privileges: his gender, for example, and his social class and economic status in society.

What’s ironic is that he can seemingly get the same free pass as McCain and Clinton to cash in on class privilege, and he can get the same free pass as McCain to cash in

on male privilege (the one Clinton couldn’t get), but it seems like McCain — and any other member of the white majority — can get a free pass to cash in on the “race card” if that’s what we want to call it, while Obama can’t. Because race can refer to any number of races, not just black. When it comes to making a comment acknowledging that he is not a part of that group that can cash in on white privilege without even realizing it as many do without consciously meaning to do so, or without meaning to offend, Obama is

sharply criticized.

Some might argue that it’s not McCain’s fault, or any nice white person’s fault, that our society is the way it is today, and I can sympathize with that in a lot of ways. After all, I’m pretty white myself, and I take advantage of white privilege everyday without consciously meaning to — and I’m not trying to be a bad person, as most white people aren’t, and I’ve got my own set of privileges I’m up against, male privilege being one I can’t cash in on.

But white privilege is there, and

it’s a race card, too. I don’t have all the answers, and I’m not entirely sure what to do about it, but what I do know is that we’ve got to acknowledge that it exists.

Do we live in a post-racist, post-feminist world? I wish we did, but until we realize that the “race card” has more than one color — and that black isn’t the color that’s on “the bottom of the deck” — then I’m afraid that’s where we’re stuck during this campaign season.

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Earl C. King, 77; Korean War veteran

UXBRIDGE — Earl C. King, 77, of Douglas Street, died Monday, July 28, at Sunbridge Care and Rehab in Milford.

He leaves his wife of 53 years, Mary E. (McGarrigle) King; a son, David E. King, of Uxbridge; two daughters, Kathy M. Allaire and her husband Danny, of Killingly, Conn., and MaryEllen Cole and her husband Sean, of Uxbridge; six grandchildren Katy, Liz, Steven, and Nicholas Allaire and Emily and Teddy Cole; a sister, Ruth Lubas, of Northbridge. He was predeceased by a son, Wayne R. King, in 1974.

Born in Douglas on June 7, 1931, he was son of the late Norman and Mae (Lambert) King and lived in Uxbridge all of his life. He was educated in the Uxbridge public schools and served as a sergeant in the U. S. Army during the Korean War. Mr. King was the custodian at Our Lady of the Valley School in Uxbridge

for 19 years, retiring in 1997. Previously, he worked at Bernat Yarns and part time at the Nydam Farm for over 30 years. He was a member of the VFW Post 6342 in Forestdale, R.I., enjoyed his pool, feeding birds and spending time with his family, particularly his grandchildren.

His graveside funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Aug. 9, in St. Mary's Cemetery, Granite Street, Uxbridge. A reception will follow at the Polish Hall in Uxbridge. There are no calling hours.

Donations may be made to the Uxbridge Senior Center, 50 South Main St., or to the Uxbridge Ambulance Fund, 25 South Main St., both Uxbridge, MA 01569.



Gary W. Thrush, 56; leaves family in Valley

NORTHBRIDGE — Gary W. Thrush, 56, of Providence Road, died Saturday, July 19, after being stricken ill at his home.

He leaves his wife, Janet (Burdick) Thrush, of South Grafton; two sons, Beau Thrush, of South Grafton, and Dennis Thrush, of Northbridge; two grandchildren, Carly Marie and Aden Thrush, of Northbridge; two brothers, Dennis Thrush, of Worcester, and Richard Thrush, of New York; his stepfather, William Lamae, of Oxford. He was predeceased by his sister,

Kathleen Thrush.

Born on March 5, 1952, in Winchendon, son of the late Marion Edna (Frazier) Lamae, and lived in Lawrenceville, Ga. for many years before moving to Northbridge in 1999. Mr. Thrush worked at the Potpourri Group in Whitinsville for several years. He enjoyed listening to music and playing his guitar and harp.

His memorial funeral service was held on Wednesday, Aug. 6, at Jackman Funeral Home, Whitinsville.

Sheila J. Willsey, 59; leaves family in Valley

SUTTON — Shelia J. (Kelley) Willsey, 59, of Green Road, died Thursday, July 31, surrounded by her loving family.

She leaves two sons, Glenn R. Willsey Jr. and his wife Trecie, with whom she lived, and Daniel Willsey, of Linwood; three daughters, Cynthia Barszcz, of Northbridge, Tammy Willsey, of Whitinsville, and Sherry Dixon of Linwood; 10 grandchildren, Amanda, Zac, Michael, Alicia, Carissa, Josh, Anita, Brianna, Samuel and C.J.; four great-grandchildren, Rhian, Jadiah, Kahlyi and Mya; her father, Charles Kelley, of Linwood; her mother, June Louise (Wright) Kelley, of Northbridge; five brothers, Ray, Steven,

Michael, Dana and Bobby; two sisters, June and April; many nieces, nephews; her caregiver, Ellen Hudson. Her family would like to thank Ellen for her devotion and compassionate care.

She was born on March 7, 1949, in Framingham, and had lived in Sutton for the past year and a half, previously living in Linwood since 1989. She worked for 22 years at Control Technology in Hopkinton. She was a member of Faith Fellowship in Uxbridge and enjoyed spending time with her family.

Her funeral services will be private and held at the convenience of her family.

Joseph A. Furno, 46; longtime Douglas resident

BARRE/DOUGLAS — Joseph A. Furno, 46, of Old Petersham Road, Barre, died suddenly on Wednesday, July 30, in Henry Heywood Hospital in Gardner, after an illness.

He leaves his wife of 17 years, Pamela J. (Knowles) Furno; a son, Steven K. Furno, of Barre; four brothers, Carl Furno, of Burnham, Maine, Michael Furno, of Vershire, Vt., and David and John Furno, both of Douglas; four sisters, Robin Butler and Tina Soucier, both of Douglas, Cindy Kibbe of Rhode Island and Tammy Murray of Brookfield; and many nieces and nephews.

He was born in Northbridge, the son of Anthony and Lucille (Chaput) Furno, and

lived in Douglas most of his life before moving to Barre in 1999.

Joseph owned and operated Furno & Sons Trucking Co. in Barre for five years. He previously was a diesel mechanic for several area companies. He was an avid camper and NASCAR racing enthusiast, and loved spending time with his son. He was an active member of the First Church of Templeton.

The funeral service for Joseph was held Monday, Aug. 4 in the Miles Funeral Home, 1158 Main St. (Route 122A), Holden, followed by burial in Glen Valley Cemetery in Barre.

Donations may be made to the First Church of Templeton, P.O. Box 356, Templeton, MA 01468.

Richard A. Plante, 79; World War II veteran

UXBRIDGE — Richard A. Plante, 79, of Linwood Street, died Saturday, Aug 2, at Milford Regional Hospital, after being stricken ill.

He leaves his wife of 59 years, Theresa L. (Jacques) Plante; three sons, Richard D. Plante, of Salem, Kenneth M. Plante and Robert P. Plante, of North Uxbridge; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Edward Plante, of Milford, and Ronald Plante, of Worcester; several nephews and nieces.

Born on March 30, 1929, in Linwood, he was the son of the late Rosaire and Bertha (Jacques) Plante and had lived in North Uxbridge all his life. Mr. Plante worked for 12

years at the former Whitin Machine Works in Whitinsville and at Sealtest Foods in Natick for 25 years, retiring in 1993. He was a U.S. Navy veteran during World War II and was a member and past treasurer of the Uxbridge Progressive Club.

His funeral services will be private and held at the convenience of his family.

Donations in memory of Richard may be made to St. Camillus Health Center Memorial Fund, 447 Hill St., Whitinsville, MA 01588.



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Myers' three-year contract not renewed by selectmen

DOOR OPEN FOR RENEGOTIATION WITH UXBRIDGE MANAGER

BY THOMAS MATTSO
TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

UXBRIDGE — Selectmen have voted unanimously not to renew the contract of Town Manager Jill Myers.

But although that may sound as if the board fired her at its Monday meeting Aug. 4, in Town Hall, that was not the case. Selectmen did not rule out renegotiating a new contract with her. The thing all five selectmen agreed on was that they are against a contract extending for three years. Myers assumed the position of town manager Feb. 21, 2006, and her contract runs to Feb. 20, 2009. As counsel Patrick Costello explained, "if the board decides not to renew the agreement at its termination, or if the vote to renew the terms of the agreement fails, the board must give the town manager written notice prior to Aug. 20 of its intent not to renew the agreement. Costello noted the six-month notice was an aspect of the contract favorable to Myers

but not necessarily to the board, because it makes the selectmen act six months before the termination of the agreement while Myers only has to give a 30-day notice of her intention to leave the position. If the selectmen had done nothing by Aug. 20, the three-year agreement would have automatically renewed. All five members gave their opinions about what procedures to take in regard to the town manager. And while the unanimous vote left the door open for Myers to stay on in Uxbridge under terms different from those in her current contract, there was no assurance the next step would lead to a new agreement with her. Oddly, or perhaps relevantly, an evaluation of Myers' performance as judged by a prior Board of Selectmen also surfaced for comment Monday night. Included in a packet Myers provided selectmen was a lengthy statement of several pages elucidating her accomplishments as town manager over the past 2.5 years. On a scale of 1 to 4 (with 4 the highest grade), her work was graded in several categories. The result was a score that averaged 2.68, which Selectmen

Chairman Kevin Kuros said translated to a strong performance between "satisfactory and acceptable." The four selectmen who voted on the evaluation categories were Kuros, Michael Potaski, and former Selectmen Dan Stack and Julie Woods. That means three of the current board members had nothing to do with the evaluation. New Selectman Cari Robertson said the evaluation has no effect on the contract. Peter Baghdasarian pointed out a vote not to renew the agreement would not preclude selectmen from entering negotiations with Myers. But there seemed to be a difference between Robertson's suggestion that Myers be given the first, preferred crack at sitting down to new negotiations with the Board of Selectmen and Potaski's view that once the old agreement was not renewed, the board could go ahead and advertise for a new manager. Myers would be free to apply for the position just as others would be. While Baghdasarian and just-elected Selectman Bruce Desilets seemed the most adamant about a change in personnel at the top or,

in the latter's case, going back to a strong Board of Selectmen the way it was before the charter came. Robertson and Kuros seemed the most nuanced about leaving the door open. The next step is that Kuros and Potaski will put together comments by board members about Myers' performance, present it to Myers and then await Myers' response, hopefully by Monday, Aug. 11. Kuros was firm about not having a three-year contract, but he emphasized how much he himself appreciated what Myers had done for the town. Kuros, who has succeeded Woods as board chairman, also took it upon himself to comment on the remarks each member made. To Desilets he said: "Bruce, the Board of Selectmen has power. We can't change that [town manager position] without a charter change. Let's separate the two issues." "That's not what I meant," Desilets responded. Kuros also took issue with Robertson's contention that the Board of Selectmen has chosen over the years not to become involved in areas of governance

the town manager has to deal with. Robertson had argued that selectmen had largely failed to answer questions on up to four categories on the evaluation because they lacked involvement. On the other hand, Kuros argued, selectmen work with the town manager on the budget and are more involved than Robertson thinks. "I'd like to see us engaging the town manager relative to the position," Kuros said, meaning he would like to see her interviewed first before anyone else is considered for the job. "If there's a vote tonight," Myers said, "I'd like to renegotiate with the Board of Selectmen." She understood the contract would be different from the current one. And in the event she leaves, she said, she would like time for closure, to speak with department heads, among other things. Selectmen, especially Kuros, seemed interested in holding any negotiations in executive session. Costello advised the board that if it wanted to enter a closed session, it would be prudent to vote at some time to renegotiate with Myers, the sooner the better.

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Boys Scout Council 'Calling All Eagles'

WORCESTER — The Mohegan Council of Boy Scouts is fast approaching its BSA Centennial. In February 2010, Boy Scouts of America will celebrate its 100th birthday. As part of their celebration of the Centennial, Central Massachusetts Scouts are planning a multi-month effort to locate as

many Eagle Scouts within the Mohegan Council as possible. This project, known as "Calling All Eagles," will lead up to a celebration of the Eagle Scout rank and its role in Scouting as part of the 2010 Centennial. Interested Eagle Scouts should do the following:

- Log on to the Mohegan Council Web site at www.mohegancouncilbsa.org
- Click on the "Reconnect with Scouting" button.
- Fill in the online form with your contact information.

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By Ed Canty

Food For Thought

Across

- Signs of healing
- Job detail, for short
- Belgrade native
- Baseball Hall-of-Famer
- Combs
- ___ land
- Greenish blue
- Go over, as a hurdle
- Saudi, e.g.
- Hose woes
- Start of quip
- Relatives
- Bone-dry
- Driver's helper?
- Storytime place
- D.J.'s stack
- Trimming tools
- Obama's job 1997-2004
- Family rooms
- Quip continued
- Little bit
- Lifter?
- 2004 Liam Neeson film
- Pussy foot
- Fabrication
- Genetic initials
- "Cool!"
- Sleazy newspaper
- End of quip
- Buck or tom
- Physics class topic
- Foe
- Hot times in France
- Net-surfer's stop
- "Long time ___"
- Johnny Bench's team
- Catcall
- Fills up

Down

- "Wait a ___!"
- Math class, for short
- Field of study
- ___
- Army, for one
- Smelting waste

- Skins
- Fill with joy
- Musical set in Berlin
- Delhi wrap
- Regard as the same
- Sled piece
- Cello's big brothers
- Concludes
- Fix up
- Acid
- Downed a sub, say
- Go for the gold?
- Leak slowly
- Jack-o'-lantern feature
- Sounds of disapproval
- Musical Cole
- Sitting on
- Black gold
- Mai ___
- Big club
- Musical Horne
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Hours Restored

The Senior Center has resumed fulltime hours. The center will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and Friday until 1:30 p.m.

New Programs

The Senior Center has the following programs available beginning in July:

• Healthy Cooking

Learning how to cook, what to eat, how to adapt recipes to healthy ingredients and exchanging recipes with others.

• Watch Your Ways

Helpful information about watching your weight

• Support Groups

A licensed social worker will be available to conduct groups in various area of need.

• Ask the Nurse

One-on-one session with a registered nurse will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Blood pressure check, review your medication, ask any questions you may have.

Co-Ed Exercise

The co-ed exercise program will be held on Monday, Thursday, and Friday mornings from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m.

Mall Trip

The Senior Center will travel to the Lincoln Mall on Friday morning Aug. 22. The bus will leave at 9:30 a.m. Call (508) 234-2002 to make a reservation.

Armchair Travel

The video for this month will feature “Scenic Cruises of the World” to be shown at 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 27.

Birthday Celebration

The Senior Center will celebrate the month’s birthdays with a lunch program at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 26. Reservations must be made by Aug. 21.

Silver Screen Classics

The Senior Center has the itinerary on the movie schedule for the Silver Screen Classics at the Blackstone Valley Cinema Deluxe in Millbury. If there is enough interest on going, monthly transportation is available from the center. The movies are at 1 p.m. on Monday. Call the center for more information.

RADA Cutlery

The Northbridge Senior Center has RADA Cutlery for sale. This is another fund-raiser that continues to provide money for programs at the Senior Center. Many items are available for purchase and gift items can be ordered. Pat Allegra is the coordinator and is available on Thursdays at the center from 11 a.m. to 1p.m. to show in-stock items. Catalogs are also available. For more information, call (508) 234-2002.

Cell Phone Drop-Off

The Northbridge Senior Center will have a drop-off box for any old cell phones you may have. Call the center for more information at (508) 234-2002.

New Support Group

A new Caregivers Support Group has begun. All caregivers are welcome to join us. This meeting will be held on the fourth Thursday of every month at 9:30 a.m. Come join other caregivers. Call the center for more information at (508) 234-2002.

Chair Yoga

The Senior Center has begun a chair yoga class on Thursdays at 1 p.m. Great for flexibility and strength.

Entertainment Books

Save money or give a gift: The 2007-08 Entertainment Books are now available for \$25. Call the Senior Center for more information.

Computer Classes

Learn how to surf the Internet, send e-mails etc. Classes run for five weeks. Beginners and advanced class available. Call (508) 234-2002 to sign up. Classes will resume in the fall.

Drivers Wanted

The Northbridge Senior Center is in need of volunteer medical drivers to take local seniors to out of town medical appointments. Any time that you could give to this much-needed cause would be greatly appreciated. Call the center for more information at (508) 234-2002.

Tri-Valley Nutrition Site

The Tri-Valley Nutrition site at the Northbridge Senior Center is very much in need of volunteer drivers to deliver meals to homebound elders. There is also a need for volunteers to work in the kitchen putting up meals for the homebound elders. Anytime that you can give will be appreciated. Call the center at (508) 234-2002.

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Marsha Petrillo, director — (508) 278-8622
Beverly Clarke, nutrition site manager — (508) 278-7609
Joe Rondeau, transportation coordinator — (508) 278-8622
Mary Rice, outreach coordinator — (508) 278-8638

Cards

Come join us for an afternoon of card playing every Tuesday at the Senior Center. Contact Rita at (508) 278-2824 for more information about this card group.

Join Elderly Connection

The Uxbridge Elderly Connection, Inc., invites you to become a member of its fund-raising group. The Uxbridge Elderly Connection, Inc., is a non-profit, organization that serves as the Friends group to the Uxbridge Senior Center. Membership in this organization is open to everyone interested

in supporting the Uxbridge Senior Center. We invite family members, caregivers, business people, young adults and all interested individuals to join The Elderly Connection, Inc. Membership is \$2 per year and will help support the Uxbridge Senior Center. If you are interested in becoming a member please call us at (508) 287-8622.

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Grocery Shopping

Pickup begins at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 12. Call (508) 278-8622 to schedule a ride.

File of Life

Register for this important medical emergency management discussion with a representative from the police department; begins at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 12. Call (508) 278-8622 to reserve lunch.

Musical Luncheons

Thursday, Aug. 14 and Friday, Aug. 15; pickup begins at 10:30 a.m. Call (508) 278-8622 to reserve a ride.

Volunteer Needed

The Uxbridge Senior Center is looking for a volunteer aid on the senior van to help elders with their groceries, prescription pickups and other errands. The Uxbridge Work Off Program offers a \$500 real estate tax abatement to residents 60 years of age or older in exchange for 62.5 volunteer hours. Please contact Marsha at (508) 278-8622.

Grocery Shopping

The Senior Center travels to Hannaford’s every Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Contact Joe Rondeau at (508) 278-8622 to make a van reservation.

Pitch Mondays

A Pitch party will be held Mondays at 6:30 p.m. There is a \$2 donation.

Senior Club

The Senior Club meets at the Uxbridge Senior Center on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. We are looking for new members and enrollment in this group is open year round.

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Alyssa Graveson, director, (508) 476-2283

The Douglas Senior Center is located in the basement of the post office at 331 Main St. The Senior Center is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Shingles

Come learn about the signs and symptoms and what treatments are available at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 20. Please register by Aug. 13.

Fuel Assistance

The Senior Center will be hosting the Worcester Community Action Council in late August. If you qualified last year, you will be contacted. If you wish to fill out an application this year, call (508) 754-1176.

Crocheting

A crocheting class will be held Wednesdays at noon at the center. All ages welcome.

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The van is on the road and will provide transportation to destinations that SCM Elder Bus does not. The van is for the use of all seniors and disabled people in Douglas and Sutton. The van is available 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Reservations must be made 48 business hours ahead of time by calling the Sutton Senior center at (508) 234-0703.

Blood Pressure Clinic

The clinic will be held the third Thursday of each month from 10-11 a.m.

Bingo

Games are held every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is available prior to bingo and must be reserved a week earlier.

Cards

Cards are held every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Card games determined by the participants; everyone is welcome. Please sign in at the center.

Osteo Stress Exercise

Classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

Arts & Crafts

• Ceramics, Mondays, 10-11 a.m.
• Beginner’s painting, Thursdays, 10-11 a.m. The class has a volunteer instructor and all materials will be provided. Please call to register.
• A creative painting class is held Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. The class is for all levels.

Tai Chi

Tai Chi classes will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Thursdays.

Wal-Mart Shopping

Trips to Wal-Mart will be held on Thursdays. Call the center at (508) 476-2283 for details.

POLICE LOG



Bloniasz investigated and located John J. Millett, 60, of 5 Lakeside Ave., Webster,

approximately 20 feet from his truck into the woods. When asked what he was doing, Millet stated “picking water lilies.” Upon further investigation, Bloniasz found seven marijuana plants, approximately 3 to 4 feet high each, in soiled planting pots.

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These past week's local fresh water bass anglers have been catching some really impressive fish and they are not being taken only by the big name pros of the local bass clubs.

They do not have \$25,000-plus tied up in boats and fishing gear, nor do they travel hundreds of miles to catch their fish and pay a couple of thousand to fish distant bodies of water. On a weekly basis lately, local anglers have been opting to use live bait and surface plugs at their favorite fishing holes and it is paying off, as this week's picture of 10-year-old Marybeth Phillips of Uxbridge shows! The smile tells it all!

Now many anglers are doing well, but some of the pros are also connecting with impressive bass such as the monster small-mouth recently taken by Dan Southwick at the Quabbin Reservoir. The 5-lb.-12-oz. bronze back taken by Southwick is only one of his big bass taken this past month. If you saw the size of his lures that he uses to catch some of his big bass, you would be amazed. Like Dan said, if you want to catch big fish use big bait" and the 12- 15-inch saltwater plugs seem to do the trick for him. He has also taken a number of big pike from area waters this past month.

• Goose hunting is not far off and sportsmen will have the opportunity to test their skills starting Sept. 2 in the central and western district. The seven bird daily bag limit this year on Canada Geese will be a



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hunters are reminded to purchase a new valid hunting license, state and federal waterfowl stamp, and register online to complete a waterfowl survey and have a new number that needs to be placed on your 2008 hunting license. If you had all this done during the start of this year for the last segment of the goose and duck season, you should not need to do the above mentioned at this time.

• Deer hunters will be happy to know that the state's antlerless deer permits have been drawn for sportsmen, and the results are as follows for zones 7,8,and 9: Zone 7, 2,700 allocated, applicants 2,847, 95 percent allocated; Zone 8, 3,550 allocated, 3,806 applicants, 93 percent allocate; Zone 9, 4,400 allocated, 3,198 allocated or 100 percent chance of receiving a permit! If you applied for a permit in zones 7-8 you have more than a 90 percent chance of receiving a permit in those zones. A complete list of the other zones is available on the Fisheries & Wildlife Website.

• Tuna fishing here and in Rhode Island is improving daily on both football and giants. Finding a reputable boat charter for this type of fishing requires a bit of

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• Diehard anglers are still catching some trout: Arthur White of Uxbridge hooked into a broodstock salmon last week but was unable to bring him to the net. Deep trolling is the way to locate and hook up to the salmon and trout at this time of year.

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Marybeth Phillips, of Uxbridge, with her monster 5.5-pound largemouth freshwater bass she recently caught at a local pond.

Tips to Give Mosquitoes the Buzz Off

Summer is in full swing and pesky insects are in top form. Mosquitoes can turn a relaxing summer evening into an itching marathon faster than you can say "buzz off!" Thankfully, there are many ways to deter the buzzing biters, and this week's column will spotlight some remedies, both common and unconventional, to stop bugs from bugging you this season!

Certain plants and flowers naturally repel mosquitoes. Marigolds, Rosemary, Pennyroyal, Chamomile, Tansy and Catnip all have mosquito repellent properties. In fact, studies show that catnip is ten times more effective at deterring mosquitoes as the chemical DEET!

Try growing potted plants of these varieties and placing them on a deck or anywhere mosquitoes bite. Pinch the leaves to release the oils. When evening falls, simply break off some leaves and scatter them on the porch or ground where visitors sit. For a direct effect, rub the leaves (and beneficial oils) onto your skin to repel the insects.

• Did you know taking vitamin B6 could help keep mosquitoes from biting you? The body tends to produce a scent mosquitoes hate when enough of the vitamin is taken. Ditto for garlic capsules.

• Try to be as "scent-free" as possible when you are outdoors. Avoid wearing perfumes or using scented soaps or shampoos as fragrances can attract mosquitoes.

• It's been proven dark colors attract mosquitoes. Want to repel the pests? Choose clothing in white or pastel hues. Believe it or not, mosquitoes are attracted to the color blue!

• Be aware of peak feeding times for mosquitoes. The bugs appear to be more active at dawn and twilight.

• Standing water is a breeding ground for mosquitoes, so avoid sources of such water around the deck or yard such as buckets or rain filled pots.

• Mosquitoes hate the smell of peppermint. Try rubbing a peppermint lotion on your ankles



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and feet to keep the bugs away from sandaled tootsies.

• Citronella-based insect repellents are an effective alternative to chemical sprays. Research reveals if applied frequently, Citronella offers the same protection as commercial products that contain low concentration of DEET.

• Itch Relief Remedies

Did you ever wonder why a mosquito bite causes us to itch? The insect's saliva, which it injects as it bites, is the culprit. Because there are a different species of mosquitoes a person can react more strongly to some bites than others. Here are some proven itch

soothers:

*Roll on antiperspirant can offer relief from itching. Ken Haller, M.D., associate professor of pediatrics at St. Louis University School of Medicine, suggests dabbing a bit of roll-on antiperspirant directly on the bug bite for instant relief.

*Apply clear scotch tape over the bite and press down to relieve itch and prevent swelling.

*Rub a bar of dampened soap directly onto the bite area for a quick itch fix.

*Guess what the active ingredient is in Afterbite, a commercial itch relieving product? Ammonia! Before you start itching, try a dab of clear household ammonia on a swab for the same effect.

*A dab of rubbing alcohol on a cotton ball or swab relieves itching instantly for less than a penny per use. To make travel size bottles, just refill a clean shampoo sample bottle with straight alcohol.

*To treat large areas of inflammation, apply a paste of baking

soda and water as an itch reliever.

*Did you know you can reduce swelling and itching from a mosquito or bee bite by sprinkling it with meat tenderizer? It breaks down the protein and relieves the skin reaction. Sprinkle it on directly, or for sensitive skin, make a paste of tenderizer and water and apply it generously to clean skin right after a bite.

*Some people claim Vicks VapoRub relieves the itch of a bite. Just apply it to the affected area.

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of the Blackstone Valley Tribune? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, c/o the Southbridge Evening News, 25 Elm St., Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn in Sturbridge.

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Auctions a tool in soft housing market

BY GUS STEEVES
STONEBRIDGE PRESS STAFF

REGION — Drive around Southbridge — and many other towns — and you'll see a bumper crop of "For Sale" signs on local houses. Some of them have been there a very long time thanks to the economy and, in Sturbridge Realtor and auctioneer Stuart Brody's view, the fact some owners are over pricing their properties.

"I can get you any price you want for a home if you're willing to wait long enough," he said. "... Selling them depends on meeting the market value, which is just ... a meeting of the minds" between buyer and seller.

Where those minds will reasonably meet changes by location and time, and sometimes even by sales method. The traditional method of listing homes and having people visit them singly or in small groups tends to take longer and allow more time for deliberation, but the market is also seeing increasing use of auctions, which promote a more competitive atmosphere.

Last week, USA Today reported nationwide revenue from house auctions has increased by 47 percent since 2003, with gross sales rising from about \$11.5 billion to \$16.9 billion last year. Many of the sellers are developers trying to unload newly-built homes in subdivisions, but a fair number are individuals who are feeling strapped by mortgages now

costing more than the houses are worth, the paper reported.

According to the Massachusetts Multiple Listing Service (known as H3MLS), a Web site accessible only by real estate agents, 76 houses sold in Southbridge since July 30, 2007. On average, they were on the market for 160 days, and the average seller had to reduce their asking price by about \$19,000 to complete the sale. The average price of houses that reached the "sale pending" (aka "under agreement") status in town was \$218,618.

Houses in Sturbridge stayed on the market 169 days on average; in Charlton, 181 days. Average price in Sturbridge was \$338,717; in Charlton, \$339,285.

Today, however, the situation is worse. Southbridge has 135 homes on the market and just 16 "under agreement" in the past month, making the average wait time nearly 8.5 months. In Charlton, the wait is 17 months; in Sturbridge, just over 11 months.

Brimfield Realtor Meghann Kimball said much of the current real estate situation developed because of "shady lending practices" of recent years at some mortgage providers.

"The worse a loan you got, the more your mortgage broker got paid," she said. "It was set up to defeat the consumer. ... I always tell my buyers to go to a local bank if they have to [borrow] at all."

Often, the owners took adjustable

rate mortgages that started with a fixed rate period. In such mortgages, the interest rate starts low and jumps after a few years. To reduce their payments, owners refinanced them, sometimes multiple times. In many cases, the loans were interest-only loans for those first years, so the owners were in fact putting no equity into their homes and paying extra fees at a time their home values were falling.

"Eventually, they came to owe \$10,000 more for a house that's worth \$20,000 less," Kimball said. "... Some people are now so far beyond what they can afford."

In Kimball's business, 75 percent of the recent sales have been either short sales or foreclosures of homes stuck in just such a predicament. The two are similar, but distinct.

In a short sale, the owner has missed payments but is still in the house and the bank agrees to write off the difference between the ultimate selling price and what the owner owes. They're promoted as being fairly fast, but Kimball said banks often take months to indicate whether they'll accept an offer, and prospective buyers don't want to wait that long.

In a foreclosure, the owner has literally walked away or otherwise completely given up on the property and the bank goes through the legal process to take it from them.

"Walking away is exactly what the bank does not want," Brody said. "...

Short sales are saving a lot of people financially. Instead of putting a big blemish on your record, it just puts a bruise on your record."

Sometimes, he noted, banks will negotiate lower payments or other arrangements to keep someone in the house. In other cases, a Realtor can find an investor willing to buy it and rent it to the occupant for a few years. The alternative — foreclosure — tends to be expensive, and the auctions that result sometimes get no bidders, Brody said.

Auctions are not a panacea, just a tool for selling homes, he said. They work best when the owner has built up some equity in the property and is willing to be somewhat flexible on sale price.

"If they don't have the equity, there's no point," he stressed, noting that having paid at least half of the mortgage "would be good."

Three kinds of real estate auctions exist, Brody said. In an absolute auction, the owner agrees to sell the property to the highest bidder; whatever that bid is — those tend to attract the most interest. In a reserve auction, the owner sets a minimum acceptable price or otherwise reserves the right to approve the final bid. In a minimum bid auction, the seller sets a percentage of the appraised value as a starting point, which gives buyers "some ballpark to pay for the property."

In all three, how much to aim for depends on location, condition and

other factors unique to the property.

For an auction to work, the seller needs to work with the real estate agent to devise "an actual plan to market it, a specific plan for that piece of real estate," Brody said. As with traditionally-listed homes, the price needs to be in line with what buyers expect. If the owner is hoping for \$300,000 but it's only really worth \$250,000, people seeking a \$250,000 home won't see it and those seeking a \$300,000 home will quickly see it's not worth that much, he said. Furthermore, banks are "a lot more rigid about what they're willing to loan," and may not be willing to give a loan for \$300,000 even if it gets such a bid.

To Kimball, our area was actually able to avoid the most serious effects of the crisis because "our prices were never that out of control." While people are "definitely steering away from the bigger, older houses," they are still buying more efficient ones and good three-bedroom homes are selling for around \$250,000, she said.

"After last year, people saw the world didn't actually end and the gears started to turn again," Kimball said. "Sales are starting again, but it will take a while to clear through everything that's piled up."

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Classic rock legend Kansas to perform this weekend

BY PATRICK SKAHILL
WEBSTER — Famous for their hit singles "Carry on Wayward Son" and "Dust in the Wind," Kansas was one of the staples of arena rock during the 1970s, and thanks to a recent inclusion in the popular "Guitar Hero" franchise, their popularity remains steady today.

This Sunday, Aug. 10, the band will be stopping at Indian Ranch in Webster to tour in support of their recently re-released 1978 classic, "Two for the Show."

Last week, the Webster Times had the opportunity to catch up with Kansas lead guitarist Rich Williams before one of the band's shows in Montana. Williams touched on a variety of topics including the band's new album, his thoughts on touring and influences as a musician, and Kansas' resurgence of popularity following a featured spot in Playstation 2's "Guitar Hero II."

WT: Things seem to be going pretty well for Kansas in recent years. You guys were one of the songs on "Guitar Hero II," you've re-released "Two for the Show," and you're on tour now — what's it like for Kansas in 2008?

RW: It's been a great year, our busiest in several, but over the last 15 years we've been working a lot anyway. Still, it never ceases to amaze me that things keep getting better and "Guitar Hero" has added a lot to it. It's brought us a whole new generation of fans, you know, kids who have actually gone beyond the one song ("Carry on Wayward Son") and started listening to entire albums and stuff. It's brought us a whole new fan base; it's pretty incredible.

WT: You mentioned "Guitar Hero," which seems to be getting out of control in terms of popularity. What did you guys think when you were approached to sign on to that project a few years ago?

RW: Well, the game was out and they just included us in it, there wasn't really any big discussion at all. It was great for the songwriter; Kerry [Livgren], he making tons in royalties, but the band doesn't see anything from it because they re-record everything ... so, there a lot of people making a lot of money and I get to do all the talking about it (laughs). Not that I'm bitter or anything, it really has added a whole new dimension to our live shows — like I said, there's a lot of youth out there now.

WT: Tell us about your re-released album, "Two for the Show," the 30th

anniversary edition of the 1978 live classic.

RW: It's two discs. The first disc is the original "Two for the Show" as it was, but it's been re-mastered. There's a lot more [depth in the recording] that we couldn't squeeze onto vinyl back then, because, you know, you just couldn't put that much information on vinyl.

So those tapes were kept in a vault because after they were cut it just made sense to us to put them away. Re-releasing them one day was never even a thought to us. But then [as we decided] we wanted to do this we said, "let's go find that stuff" and headed back to the vault.

The tapes, however, disintegrated, so it was a pretty scientific process of resurrecting them. They had to be baked in an oven and then transferred to a digital format, which destroys [the tape] as it goes. It's a one chance process, but once we recaptured it we actually got to listen to the stuff for the first time [in digital].

Disc two is the rest of the show, along with other things. It was all done in the same manner [as Disc One] with no overdubs and no sweetening whatsoever, just simply mixed. And when I say "simply mixed," it was done on basically the same technology [as before] with high quality analog gear and no automation, nothing — we just kept it as pure as we could.

The fans that have that contacted me about it are just tickled to death about the project and they've told me that this is stuff they have been waiting forever to hear.

For them, it's very exciting to hear stuff that was done 30 years ago that has never been heard unless you happened to be there that night.

Also, the album's liner notes have been rewritten, with a perspective from, you know, this century, [laughs] and there's a 30-page booklet included in it so the project really stands on its own.

WT: Take us back a bit and tell us what it was like when you first started playing guitar. Was there any reason that inspired you to start playing?

RW: Well, I started playing the summer after my first year of high school. Back then, Topeka, Kan. had more garage bands per capita than anywhere else on earth.

WT: Really? Interesting ...

RW: Yeah, it was the British Invasion and the Beatles on Ed Sullivan and, you know, everyone wanted to be in a band. There was lit-

erally a band on every block in town and that's what got us started. It was so exciting and new. I mean, you know, back then the shopping mall were a new concept, the [local] bowling alley was the center of excitement, and there were three channels on television ... so suddenly this music came into everybody's lives and you weren't so distracted by [everything else], this was it. You could actually take lessons and practice and not be distracted by like 500 other different things.

WT: Starting out as a guitarist, did you have any really big influences inspiring you as you practiced?

RW: Well, right off the bat there was the Beatles and, you know, once you learn a few chords you're in a band and playing the songs of the day.

But I think what really changed guitar playing for me, changed it into like a voice, was listening to Eric Clapton.

He did an album with John Mayall and the Bluesbreakers (1966's "Bluesbreakers with Eric Clapton"), which is one of the holy grails of guitar players and that really opened my eyes. I'd heard blues playing before, but to hear a guitar with that much growl, approaching almost like a saxophone and with all that British twist to it, well, I just fell in love with that British twist on American Blues.

So definitely that album was influential and, of course, groups like The Yardbirds — Eric Clapton, Jimmy Page, I mean you throw Jimi Hendrix in there and you've got the basics of everything you've ever heard in rock 'n' roll.

WT: So how have these influences come to be reflected in your style today?

RW: [Thinks for a moment] Well, over the years, it's just a matter of trying to find out how [a guitarist] gets that sound or that other sound, and then in experimenting, trying to emulate something, you find that you've wound up with something else entirely different.

Take Jeff Beck, I would emulate him if I could [laughs].

To me, he's guitar player number one. He can play four notes and you know it's Jeff Beck and I think really that's the hardest thing ... to have your own unique voice on that instrument and there's very few people that do. Jeff Beck would be one [and] Joe Walsh [of the Eagles] would be another. They both just have a unique sound and that's just a hard thing to capture.

WT: So what's playing on your iPod



right now?

RW: Actually, what's on it right now is Kansas with the symphony because Thursday night (July 31), we're playing a symphony date up in [Great Falls], Montana. We haven't played with the symphony since February so there are some different arrangements and a few songs we haven't played since then. So I've got it in there for my own personal rehearsal because it can get confusing.

WT: Any news on your side project, Native Window?

RW: Sure, it's me and Phil [Ehart], Billy Greer and David Ragsdale. It kind of started because a lot of the shows we were playing a local promoter would just put in some local band to play. Sometimes it was just some copy band that wasn't very good and we thought we ought to just make up our own opening act. It was more just a joke than anything else, but then we started thinking about it — what if we took this actually halfway serious — and then it went from that, to asking, what if we record some stuff?

From there, it turned into a project that we're now funding ourselves. Being a side project, however, it naturally has to fit around the Kansas schedule so last fall and winter we got the first two-thirds of it recorded and we'll complete it this fall. It will be released, hopefully, in the spring.

So if anybody likes it, we'll get to open for ourselves [laughter].

WT: How do you guys approach the live experience? After so many years on tour is it tough to go out there every show and keep it fresh?

RW: Not for me, I just love to do this. I've kind of made peace with the whole travel process and all that. So I

really enjoy everything about it today. Performing, that's just great; I mean it's hard to not enjoy that. So everyday is fresh for me, I can't wait for the next show.

WT: Any future releases on the horizon? CDs? DVDs?

RW: Yeah. We're planning on doing a lot more symphony dates next year with the hopes of filming it at some point and doing a DVD.

We just can't go to some [obscure] community orchestra and film it, however, so we'll have to find something that makes sense and that folks will want to see — something like Julliard ... that would generate some interest. So that's what's on the plate there.

WT: What can the folks in Webster expect during the show on Aug. 10?

RW: Well, again, live is what we do. I've always felt we were better as a live band than anything.

The studio is fine and dandy, but it's a clinical process of assembling a song to sound organic. Live, it's just "one, two, three, go!" and here we are. We've done it for a long time and we still love to do it.

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A Bit of the Bard in Uxbridge

BY THOMAS MATTSO

TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

UXBRIDGE — It was Shakespeare in the Park Sunday, Aug. 3, in an amphitheater at River Bend Farm.

The Algonkuin Small Theatre performed Shakespeare's "The Tempest" in July at Whitin Community Center Park in Northbridge, at Daniel's Farmstead in Blackstone, and at Kampersal Field in Holliston. The productions at River Band Farm were Aug. 2 and 3.

An appreciative crowd of about 100 attended the event Sunday.

The plot of "The Tempest" is somewhat involved.

The sorcerer Prospero, rightful duke of Milan, and his daughter Miranda have been stranded for 12 years on an island after Prospero's jealous brother Antonio, assisted by Alonso, king of Naples, deposed him and set him adrift with three-year-old Miranda.

Prospero is reluctantly served by a spirit, Ariel, whom he had rescued from imprisonment in a tree. Ariel had been trapped in the tree by an African witch who had been exiled to the island years before and died before Prospero's arrival.

The witch's son Caliban, a deformed monster and the only non-spiritual inhabitant before the arrival of Prospero, was adopted and raised by the Milanese sorcerer. Caliban taught Prospero how to survive on the island. At the same time, Prospero and Miranda taught Caliban religion and their own language.

After Caliban's attempted rape of Miranda, Prospero had forced him to serve as his slave. Caliban grows to hate the magician Prospero and his daughter Miranda, convinced they have betrayed his trust. In turn, Prospero and Miranda look at Caliban with contempt and even disgust.

The play opens as Prospero, having intuited that his brother Antonio is on a ship passing close by the island, raises a storm (the tempest of the play's title) which runs the ship aground.

Prospero was played by Cherry Zinger and Caliban by Chris Ebacher. Robert DeSelms took the part of Gonzalo.

Some of Shakespeare's most memorable language occurs in "The Tempest."

One of the great passages in all of Shakespeare is uttered by Prospero:

Our revels now are ended. These our actors,

As I foretold you, were all spirits, and

Are melted into air, into thin air: And like the baseless fabric of this vision,

The cloud-capp'd tow'rs, the gorgeous palaces,

The solemn temples, the great globe itself,

Yea, all which it inherit, shall dissolve,

And, like this insubstantial pageant faded,

Leave not a rack behind. We are such stuff

As dreams are made on; and our little life



From left to right: A scene from William Shakespeare's "The Tempest" as performed by the Algonkuin Theatre Group at River Bend Farm. Ferdinand and Miranda, as portrayed by Matthew Curtis and Nicolette Forte. Sebastian (Chip Winslow) with Gonzalo (Robert DeSelms).



Thomas Mattson photo



The Jester Trinculo (Chief Benavines) stands over Caliban (Chris Ebacher).

Is rounded with a sleep.

Looking forward to his daughter's wedding to the Prince of Naples, Prospero has put on a short entertainment, with spirits taking the parts of Roman gods. But he cuts the fun short when he recalls some urgent business. He calms the startled couple by explaining that the "revels" (performance) they have seen were just an illusion that would melt into "thin air."

Some critics see dramatic illusion in turn becoming a metaphor for the real world outside the Globe Theater, where Shakesepae's plays were first performed. Towers, palaces, temples, the Globe theater; the Earth—all will crumble, leaving

not even a wisp of cloud (a "rack") behind. Prospero's pageant is seen by some critics as a favorite technique of Shakespeare's, the play within the play (The Tempest) within a play (the so-called "real" world).

Life is but a dream, and people are the "stuff" dreams are "made on" (built of)." Prospero seems to be saying that when we die, we awake from the dream of life into a higher reality.

One of the other great speeches in Shakespeare comes from Gonzalo:

Faith, sir, you need not fear. When we were boys,

Who would believe that there were mountaineers



Ariel (Briana Gardell) turns into a witch. At left, Antonio (Paul Winslow) is disarmed.

Dew-lapp'd like bulls, whose throats had hanging at 'em

Wallets of flesh? or that there were such men

Whose heads stood in their breasts? which now we find

Each putter-out of five for one will bring us

Good warrant of.

The latter reference is to insurance deposits by 17th century world travelers which, when they return to England, collect five times as much as they put down.

Pytko back behind the controls of favorite warbird

BY PATRICK SKAHILL

TIMES STAFF WRITER

PORTSMITH, R.I. — He's flown more than 100 airplanes ranging from brawny Corsairs to sleek, jet-powered F-86s, but Oxford native Russ Pytko doesn't hesitate when asked to name his favorite.

"The Stearman biplane, designation N2S-5," he rapidly fires back. "I've always maintained that I had the most fun flying that airplane out of the 105 planes that I flew later on."

A Marine Corps colonel who logged more than 5,000 hours on jets alone before his military retirement in 1973, Pytko's flight experience is vast, but until last month, it'd been more than 60 years since he last sat behind the stick of his favorite warbird.

So how did this veteran airman get back in the cockpit after so many years?

According to Pytko's daughter, Deb McCall, it all started with a lazy day at the beach.

Several months back, McCall said she was sitting with her husband on the shores of Rhode Island when the pair suddenly heard a roar growing in the distance.

Quickly realizing the sound wasn't coming from the waves, the couple arched their heads skyward, scanning the clouds until they spotted it — an old biplane flying directly overhead.

For a while now, McCall, along with Pytko's sister-in-law, Judy, had been searching for the "perfect gift" for Russ as a way to thank him for

the comfort he provided the family following the death of Judy's husband.

Upon seeing the plane, a light instantly clicked and McCall immediately called Judy.

"We saw it flying and we knew he'd love it," McCall said.

After some investigation, Judy and Deb found out the company orchestrating the flight, Warbirds Adventures, actually had a model N2S-5, Pytko's favorite plane, and the one he originally got his start in back at the close of World War II.

"It was really just a coincidence," McCall said.

Russ said he found out about the gift this past Christmas and had been looking forward to the flight for months.

"I was very excited about it," he admitted.

Designed in 1934, the Stearman N2S-5, nicknamed the "Kadet," was one of the primary training aircraft used by the Navy and Army at the close of World War II. More than 10,000 Kadets were manufactured, making it the most produced biplane of all time.

Its maximum speed hovers around a relatively mellow 135 mph — quite a change of pace for Pytko, whose last turn at the stick was sitting under a jet engine.

"Flying a jet as proposed to a propeller aircraft is really quite a change," Pytko explained. "So ... after flying jets for about 5,000 hours or so, going back to the bi-plane [last month], it was quite interesting."

"He'd been flying jets before [his

retirement], so he'd probably forgotten how slow it was," McCall joked.

Pytko said he entered into the U.S. Navy's flight training program in 1944 and received his wings after several months of training in the N2S-5 Kadet.

His first squadron assignment was flying Corsairs and Pytko's career eventually took him across the country from airbase to airbase, serving time in Memphis, Tenn., Corpus Christi, Texas, and Pensacola, Fla. before transferring to the Marines.

Pytko said he made the transition to jet-powered flight in the F-9 Panther, the Navy's second jet aircraft, and one of the most widely used planes of the Korean War, a conflict in which Pytko served.

During this war, Pytko also logged time in the now famous F-86 Sabre — following a reassignment to an Air Force Squadron after their last pilot, John Glenn (the first American to orbit the earth), was sent to the Naval Test Pilot School in Patuxent River, Maryland.

Later on, as a major, Pytko found himself at that very same school in Maryland, earning his test pilot credentials and going on to fly a slew of helicopters and aircraft until his retirement from the military in 1973.

Turning an eye back to Pytko's flight last month, however, Pytko said the trip lasted about one hour and during the flight he was able to do a variety of acrobatic routines and really get a feel for the aircraft.

During the flight, several of



Courtesy photo

Russ Pytko stands outside the Stearman N2S-5 plane.

Pytko's family members were there on the ground to share the experience with him. Pytko and McCall said it was quite a trip, for all involved.

"It was just the right thing for us to do," McCall said, reflecting on how her father helped Judy deal with the death of her husband. "We got most of his family there and really made it a special day for him ... he was overwhelmed [and] very excited."

For Pytko, last month's journey brought his flying career full circle, but this modest veteran said he wasn't focused on such grandiose themes; he was just happy return to the wild blue yonder.

"It just felt great to get back up there," Pytko said, laughing.

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School Committee, selectmen will meet to fill vacancy

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tion. Robert Melican, an educator and former school superintendent, came in to serve as interim superintendent for the year of 2005-06, and current Superintendent Nancy Lane took over in 2007-08.

Reed expressed great satisfaction with both Melican and Lane.

Reed is a curriculum specialist and has wide experience throughout the state, including instituting programs for Special Education. She holds a doctorate in edu-

cation. According to state law, when a vacancy on the School Committee occurs, the Board of Selectmen and the remaining members of the former panel share responsibility for filling it. The current four School Committee members are Michael Belleville, Leslie Breault, Shirley Downs, and Scott Yacino.

The procedure calls for the School Committee to notify the selectmen within 30 days of an opening that a vacancy exists.

After the School Committee gives the selectmen a week's notice so that town voters have the opportunity to state

their candidacy, the two governing bodies are to meet to fill the vacancy by a roll call vote. The vacancy was posted several weeks ago, Lane said.

For election to fill a vacancy, a candidate must receive a majority of the votes of the officers entitled to vote. The person elected will fill the seat on the School Committee until the next town election. At that point, the position becomes an open, three-year term to be determined at the polls.

Meanwhile, School Business Manager Dean Iacobucci informed the School Committee last week about how the school district

is contending with impending deficits in heating oil and in electricity budgets.

He said the heating oil is expected to account for a \$100,000 deficit this coming school year and the cost of electricity a deficit of \$43,680.

The school district took part in the French River Collaborative of area school districts to obtain better rates than otherwise. The collaborative rejected the final bid received for heating oil — \$3.75 a gallon — as too high.

After that, the collaborative retained an oil broker. A bid is being put together for a briefer, four-month span. The hope, Iacobucci said, is that

prices of crude oil, which have been going down recently, will become stable.

Meanwhile, Iacobucci said, the schools are tied into the town for electricity use, currently costing 5.7 cents per kilowatt hour. The business manager said he has met with Executive Administrator Michael Guzinski to arrive at a plan to take a longer view of prices.

Iacobucci said the town and schools are looking at a one or two-year electricity contract, not another 5-year agreement.

• In other action, the School Committee approved initial construction of dugouts for

the baseball field below the high school. Right now there are only benches along the home-to-first and third-to-home base lines. Each dugout is expected to cost about \$2,900 and fundraisers will pay for them. Both the boosters and the athletic department asked permission to build the dugouts and have asked for approval to initiate fundraisers.

High School Principal Brett Kustigian said dugouts would foster a more collaborative attitude among players.

Traditionally, many varsity baseball games have been played at Soldiers Field.

NEWS BRIEFS

Douglas participates in AAA All-Stars tourney

OXFORD — The Oxford Little League hosted a tournament for AAA All-Stars (the league includes Charlton, Douglas, Auburn, Spencer, Brookfield and Oxford) July 12-21.

Teams from six towns participated in the round robin tournament, where all teams played four games. At the end of the round robins, the teams were seeded and the top four moved forward to a semifinal round, and then to the finals.

The first round ended with three teams tied for first place, but Oxford started the finals/playoffs in first because it had the most runs over the four qualifying games.

The final game between Oxford and Charlton was played under the lights Monday, July 21 at the Oxford Little League field. It was an excellent game, with a large crowd cheering on both sides adding to the excitement. The game stretched out for five innings before Oxford merced Charlton at the end of the fifth by a score of 12-5.

Metacomet Land Trust Farm-to-Farm Tour

REGION — Metacomet Land Trust, celebrating its 20th year protecting and conserving land in the Blackstone River Valley and in southern Norfolk County, has made special arrangements to tour select farms in the Blackstone River Valley on Saturday, Sept. 13.

Reserve your seat on this bus tour during which invited guests and experts will highlight the relationship between open space and farmland and the social contributions made by our local farmers. As a participant, you will sample the rich variety of produce available through our own farms. Participating farms include:

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• Keown Orchard — Also an APR farm in Sutton growing a variety of fruits and crops and known for its apple and peach orchards.

• Waters Farm — A historically preserved farm where lunch will be served.

• Sweetwilliam Farm — An environmentally conscious farming operation offering crops locally through a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program and providing a tangible connection between the food that we eat and the farmers who grow it.

The tour begins at 10 a.m. at the Brigham Hill Community Barn at 37 Wheeler Road in Grafton, where there is plenty of free parking. It includes refreshments at the beginning and conclusion of the tour and lunch at historic and scenic Waters Farm.

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Moore praises early education bill passage

REGION — Significant progress for young children and their early education was made today when Gov. Deval Patrick signed into law An Act Relative to Early Education and Care. The landmark legislation was passed unanimously by both the House and Senate and formally establishes the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) Program in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Sen. Richard Moore, D-Uxbridge, was a strong supporter of the bill and advocated for its passage.

“Early education is one of the most important and integral parts of the Commonwealth,” said Moore. “Children in

our district and across Massachusetts must have access to quality learning experiences that are paramount to our children's future success. This bill addresses those needs, and I am happy to have supported its passage.”

The legislation codifies in state law, and helps shape future directions for, a range of programs the Department of Early Education and Care has been developing and implementing over the last three years. It requires the Department to create strategic recommendations for the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program, develop a state policy on kindergarten transition, plan for the unique needs of families with infants and toddlers, and work to establish formal early education quality standards.

“We commend Sen. Moore for supporting this bill,” said Amy O’Leary, the campaign director for Early Education for All, the leading advocacy voice for early education. “This bill represents a major step forward for young children and families, and affirms Massachusetts’ standing as a leader in providing voluntary access to universal, high-quality early education.”

Research shows that early education pays dramatic future dividends. Low-income children who participate in two years of high-quality early education programs are 40 percent less likely to need special education or be held back a grade, 30 percent more likely to graduate from high school, and twice as likely to go to college. The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis estimates a 16 percent return for every dollar invested in high quality pre-kindergarten. Currently three states have universal pre-kindergarten, while 14 states and the District of Columbia are moving toward universal pre-kindergarten. Last year, 36 states increased investments in pre-kindergarten.

For more informa-

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Boys and Girls Club a summer haven for area kids

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city. The club runs its programs in an expansive area where Tupperware once built a recreation and child-care center for the employees at its giant former mill factory a short distance away.

Included in that complex is a stunning in-ground pool that could probably hold 100 kids comfortably. Last Friday, Aug. 1, kids in the Boys and Girls program did the pool justice, diving at one end, wading in shallow water at the other, with lifeguards keeping watch.

The kids even have access to fishing from a stream diverted from the Blackstone River once created as a power source for the factory.

What is at once striking about the layout is the seemingly endless playground, and an old stone mill Tupper once used as a warehouse (it stands a few yards away from the Providence & Worcester Railroad).

Geographically, the thing that is different about Blackstone from most of the other Blackstone Valley towns is its hilliness and the predominance of old buildings, ranging from what looks like a 15th century mission hospital you might find in Italy to a handsome colonial brick building that could serve as a model for an 18th or early 19th century customs house. And then all of those granite-block walls serving to shore up a railroad bed, and the heavy, and darkening railroad bridges that seem to be everywhere without that necessarily being the case. You really feel you are in a different country.

Bruce Paterson, director of the Blackstone Valley Boys and Girls Club, noted the local club is an affiliate of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Throughout the year, the club has some 1,300 members from about age seven to 14. They come predominantly from Blackstone and Woonsocket, R.I.

"About 55 percent come from Massachusetts and 45 percent from Rhode Island," Paterson explained. "We get quite a few from Uxbridge and Douglas and then from North Smithfield and Lincoln in Rhode Island."

The summer program began June 16 and continues to the last week in August. It offers two programs, one from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for about \$570, the other from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for \$420. It comes out as costing about a dollar an hour for a child to have at his or her disposal an all-day, multiple-activities program attended to by a staff of 34. That includes nine lifeguards and some 21 instructors.

"We do get some grants for scholarships," said Paterson. "But mostly we have to raise our own funds."

The club itself added the beautiful hardwood-floor gym. At one end, painted on the wall, are silhouettes of a basketball player and a baseball or softball player and the two words, "IDENTITY" and "RESPECT."

That is a little different from the usual "Believe and Achieve" motto you find at many schools.



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Top left clockwise: Director Bruce Paterson talks with a counselor. Haley Leclerc, 8, of Woonsocket, R.I. A youngster dives into the pool. From left, Owen Pickering, Gracie Hogan, Mercedes Vasterling and lifeguard Brittany Paulhus.



The club's own identity is served by a quote that goes out under its name — "The Positive Place for Kids."

The club park itself is 11 acres equipped with a newly designed playground, gymnasium, basketball courts and community center that serves as the entrance to the outdoor pool.

An annual fee of \$20 a year confers a membership card with the child's picture, name, member number and date of expiration. Once a child is a member, he/she has access

to the club and may sign up for any club programs.

Although the year-round program offerings are more inclusive, the summer fare includes such activities as a water balloon toss, wacky hat day, pirate storyteller (one hour), home-run derby, skate park contest, punt and throw, a presentation on dog sled races, Irish storyteller (one hour), Roger Williams Zoo field trip, ice cream sundae party, frisbee artist, and many other things.

The year-round program includes biddy

street hockey, biddy soccer, biddy basketball, more advanced street hockey, travel basketball, robotics, field hockey and other activities.

The club also runs an after-school program from 3-6 p.m.

The organization may be reached by writing to Blackstone Valley Boys and Girls Club, P.O. Box 283, 115 Canal St., Blackstone MA 01504, by phoning (508) 883-6363, or by accessing the club's web site at www.bvbgc.com.

NEWS BRIEFS

WCC to host annual Benefit Dance Gala

REGION —Whitin Community Center's annual Benefit Dance Gala will be held from 6:30 p.m. to midnight on Friday, Sept. 19 at Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton.

Tickets will be available in August. Only 200 tickets will be sold to this event. This year, guests will feel as though they have been transported to a luxury cruise ship with delicious food, open bar, and dancing. Money raised from this event will support the Whitin Community Center's Youth Outreach Program. The Whitin Community Center initiated the Youth Outreach Program in 1996 in an effort to open the door to all children, independent of fee or membership, to enjoy the benefits of a weekly recreational program on Saturdays. That program has been expanded in the years since to include a Summer Youth Theater Program and an after school Youth Center in the Rockdale section of Northbridge. In 2007, the Youth Outreach Program expanded to

include the Northbridge Mentoring Partnership and the BOOST program.

The goals of the Youth Outreach Program are to encourage children, ages 5-17, from all socio-economic backgrounds to play together, to develop friendships, to build self-worth, to develop a sense of fair play, team spirit and cooperation in a safe and supervised environment. All components of the Youth Outreach Program are funded 100 percent through charitable contributions and grants with no funding provided through fees or membership dues.

The Whitin Community Center is a private, non-profit, community-based organization in Whitinsville serving the Blackstone Valley since 1922. The Whitin Community Center is committed to enhancing the health and wellness of individuals and families and building a strong community in the Blackstone Valley. Social, recreational, educational, and outreach programs that bring community members of all ages and backgrounds together.

For more information call (508)

234-8184 or visit www.OurGym.org.

Evening courses now offered at WCS

NORTHBRIDGE — Three evening courses will be available at Whitinsville Christian School beginning in August:

- SAT Preparedness Classes
- Math: Aug. 11-15, 6-8 p.m.
- Cost: \$125/non-WCHS students; \$85 for WCHS students
- Contact Beth Allen, guidance department, (508) 234-8211, ext. 32.
- "Jesus, the Rabbi"
- Dive deeply into the 1st century culture of Israel and take a fresh look at Jesus and His teachings
- Late August to mid January; Monday evenings, from 6:15 to 8:45 p.m.
- Cost: \$150/high school students; \$250/adults
- Contact John Vriesema, high school Bible teacher, (508) 234-8211, ext. 14.
- Spanish II:

- Designed for students with some background in Spanish
- Based on reading rather than grammar
- Relaxed atmosphere
- Late August to late May; Monday evenings 6:15 to 8:45 p.m.
- Cost: \$150/WCHS students; \$250/adults and non-WCHS students
- \$300/parent and student teams
- Contact WCHS office, (508) 234-8211, ext. 10

Youth cyclists seek book donations for fundraising

Looking to get rid of your used books? The 10th Gear Christian Youth Cyclists of Whitinsville is raising money through donations of new and used books, CDs, DVDs, videos, and audio books.

The group has placed a drop-off donation container for residents, businesses, schools, libraries, and other groups who wish to contribute

books they no longer have a use for and would like to see re-purposed, while also raising money for the cycling group.

The "Got Books?" donation container, distinguished by its lively purple and yellow signs, is conveniently located at the expanded Blackstone Regional Recycling Facility (behind the fire station) at 193 Main St. in Whitinsville. Donations can be made by the public during regular recycling center hours, every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with the exception of January and February. Funds raised through book donations will benefit the 10th Gear Christian Youth Cyclists.

Choose to reuse! Donating books is a great way to keep them out of the trash and give them a new life with someone who will value them as you did. In addition to helping divert waste from landfills, these donated goods will be repurposed in great ways; they could be donated to schools, libraries, and other groups in need, sent overseas to the troops, given to teachers for their classrooms, or sold in book sales and online.

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Spruce-up helps preserve Douglas landmark

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well as groceries.

“He also had the old custom of bartering,” said Marsh. “He accepted potatoes, butter, eggs and other commodities in payment for groceries or dry goods.”

Many meticulous records are preserved in chapbooks lying on the store’s counters. Marsh refers to them as “Day-books and ledgers.”

He also said Jenckes had the reputation of keeping the best cheese of any store in town. He apparently did a lot of business with Providence wholesalers. Around 1970 it was called “The Thrift Shop.” The sisters, who were Wellesley graduates, lived on the second floor of the expansive building. They sat together in the former Town Hall (now the post office) at town meetings near the back row knitting, occasionally briefing each other on the upcoming issue to be voted on. Among long-time clerks at the store were Irving Mowry and William McGrath, according to Marsh.



The E.N. Jenckes Store, as seen from front and back.

In 1970 the Jenckes Store was the oldest such business in town.

Gardner Chase is said to have bought the property around 1839 from Elias Balcome, who had run a store there since 1833. Before that, his father Ebenezer operated a big store “supposedly in this place,” according to

Marsh. The size of the business was based on assessors’ records. Oliver Hunt of axemanufacturing fame was said to have owned the site earlier in the century.

Marsh named Gardner Chase of Sutton as a large landowner in Douglas, but did not tie him with ownership of the Jenckes Store or

site.

But information gleaned from old newspapers like the Douglas Herald mentioned James Putnam, Aaron F. Jones, W.S. Emmons and Co., James Simmons, Jones Bros., and of course Edward Jenckes all as owners at one time or another.

The store and museum has

a plethora of old items on display, including containers for grocery products that were works of art. Companies were not hesitant to hire first-rate artists to romanticize their products. Innocence was a favorite emphasis, with a girl in a long, flowing dress and a fresh face a common theme, and farm scenes that

said way more than any television commercial today. And metal containers were the norm because plastic had not been invented. It makes viewing these containers like walking through an art museum and is remindful of a time when Americans took infinite pride in what they produced.



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Volunteers prepare Douglas Elementary for start of school year

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improve its overall physical plant,” Taylor said.

“This couldn’t be done without the hard work, dedication and motivation of this astounding group of people.”

“As the summer continues,” she said, “and our school custodians work tirelessly to ready the building for September, I will look at the newly painted classrooms and hallways with admiration for a project that exhibited a true sense of community.”

Paint is paint, but the 409 children expected to burst into the place Sept. 3 are what it is all about.

And nobody is more anticipatory about the coming school year than Kim Taylor herself.

A Framingham native, Taylor taught grades K-2 for 12 years, then was an assistant principal at an elementary school in Sudbury.

Although she remains a hands-on kind of administrator, something she honed as a classroom teacher, Taylor had her eye on eventually going into administration and took advantage of many leadership opportunities. But to her, leadership is

getting out there where the kids are learning.

“I’m in the classroom all the time,” she said of her role as principal here.

She said she tries to get to know the kids and the families.

“That’s so important,” she explained.

“I’m out there with the buses and I’m involved in the learning that goes on in the classroom,” she explained.

What she especially likes about the children in K-2 is “their freshness, their excitement... They bound off the buses with a smile. At that age they love their school and their teachers.”

The primary curriculum includes English, math, science and social studies. There are also four specialist teachers who provide exposure to music, art, library and physical education.

She said the teachers strive to encourage connections between subjects, such as science and math or even social studies and science.

“And we do a lot of writing on history and holidays,” she said.

Most of the learning is hands-on, she said. There are no professors giving lectures.

And, as with every other elementary school in



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New selectmen face major decisions on board

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Enforcement Agency manager who has lived in town for seven years. Her previous experience in local government includes service on the Historic District Commission and as a member of the school district's 2004 Space Solutions Committee. A Republican, Robertson has consistently called for residents to come up with a plan for what they want the town to look like in the future. But before that can happen, she

said, the town needs to settle several contracts, fill a recently vacated DPW superintendent's job and decide whether it wants to amend the charter. "I would really like to avoid seeing Uxbridge in a flux as far as management of the town is concerned," she said. "And hopefully we can present any changes to the charter at the fall Town Meeting." Robertson was pleasantly surprised that she was the top vote getter last week, especially considering that she is a relative newcomer to the community.

"I felt like I ran a good campaign and said what was on my mind this time," she said. "In May, I was a bit more reserved." Desilets is an Uxbridge High School graduate who went on to serve with the 82nd Airborne Division during the Vietnam era. Later, he spent more than two decades as a U.S. Postal Service employee. Formerly a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and of the Cable Advisory Committee, Desilets has since stepped down from both those panels in order to focus all his time

and energy on being a selectman. "I plan on being at Town Hall every day," he said. "And I'll work just as hard for the residents who didn't vote for me as for those who did. I also plan to attend every other board's meeting that I can just to get the knowledge." A strong advocate of building a new high school, Desilets said he is anxiously awaiting the results of a feasibility study on the project, which has been approved for partial state funding. "They are doing the best with what they have [at the high school],

but we need to build a new school," he said. "I want to see the numbers." Desilets said Annual Town Meeting voters made a mistake by rejecting a zoning bylaw change that would have allowed an electric-generating power plant to be built in the industrial park. The project's developers, DG Clean Power, had offered the town a \$25 million payment in lieu of taxes agreement. "I'd like to approach the company again," he said. Regarding the town's charter, Desilets said he wants to "fix it, not throw it away."

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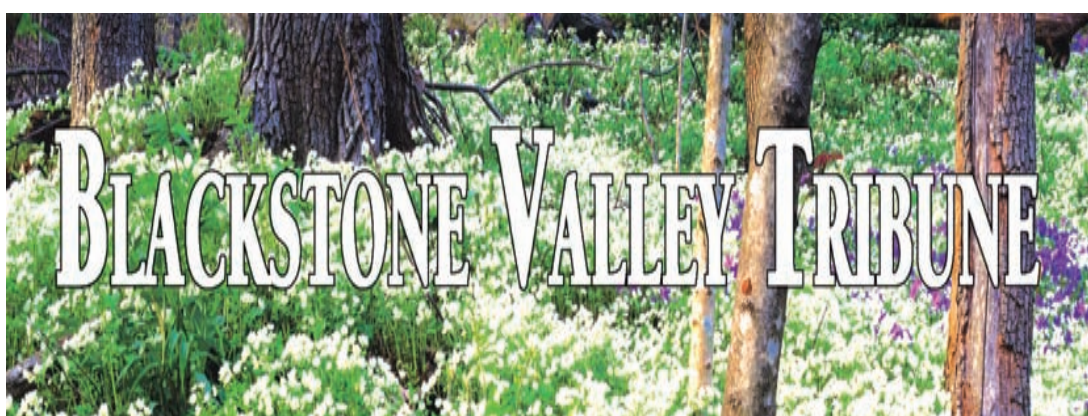


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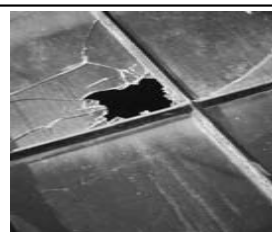
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Calendar

SUNDAY

AUG. 10

UXBRIDGE — The New England Country Music Club will host a Jamboree from 2-6 p.m. at VFW Post 1385 on Route 16. Featuring house band Borrowed Time. Donation at the door is \$3.

UXBRIDGE — You can't have pumpkins without ants! Birch soda is flavored by birch trees! Join the Ranger Team at 2 p.m. on a hike during which you will learn about different plants in the area. You will learn how to identify the plants that we find, and talk about what roles the plants have in the environment. After the program, you will be able to go home and do a tour yourself and impress family and friends! Junior Rangers Level-2 earn credit. Meet the Ranger at the park bulletin board in West Hill Park (off of Quaker Street). For more information, call the Ranger Team at (508) 278-2511, #1 at the menu. This event will be cancelled in the event of rain. Anyone under the age of 16 needs to be accompanied by an adult.

SATURDAY

AUG. 16

SUTTON — The internationally popular Beatles tribute band Jukebox will perform at Waters Farm in historic West Sutton. Gates open at 4 p.m. with an opening band, 3 Guys Plumbing, entertaining at 5 p.m. Jukebox will perform from 6-8 p.m.

The four young men from Puerto Rico who make up the band — Heri Palos on bass, piano and vocals, Jacob Rodriguez on guitar, piano, and vocals, Juan Carlos del Valle on drums and vocals, and Francisco Cairol on guitar and vocals — have built an international following that recognizes their talents and their passion for the music that defined generations.

Ticket prices are \$ 12 and are available by calling (508) 865-0101 or (508) 476-3366. Tickets will also be



COMMUNITY APPRECIATION

NORTHBRIDGE — On Saturday, June 28, UniBank hosted its second annual Community Appreciation Day at its main branch in Whitinsville. The event offered a free and entertaining day for children and adults. Entertainment included two moon bounces, face painting, a visit from the Worcester Sharks including their mascot, Finz and live music by local band, Route 66. Pictured above, UniBank raffled an \$800 Weber grill at the event, which was won by Nathan Casey and his family, Sheryl, John, Joshua and Zachary of Whitinsville. Also pictured is UniBank President Kenneth Redding (second from left).

sold at the gate the evening of the concert.

Bring a picnic lunch or visit one of the food vendors who will be at the farm. Limited bleacher seating is available; blankets or lawn chairs are welcome. For more information and directions visit our website www.watersfarm.com.

UXBRIDGE — Corps of Engineer's Lewis & Clark Discover Campfire at West Hill Dam, from 6-8 p.m. Come learn about our coun-

try's history and the Corps of Discovery's journey west through our Lewis & Clark discovery chest! The chest contains replica artifacts, journals, and pictures of the expedition. Participants should meet at the large shelter in West Hill Park (Off Quaker Street). Gate fees will be waived for participants. All ages are welcome to attend (under age 16 requires an accompanying adult). Come dive into history! This program is cancelled in

the event of heavy rain. For more information call the Ranger Team at (508) 278-2511, #1 at the menu.

SUNDAY

AUG. 17

UXBRIDGE — Ride for the Homeless Vets, sponsored by American Legion Riders, Charles A. Rice, Post 33, proceeds to the Veterans Homeless Shelter,

Worcester. Sign-up starts at 10 a.m., ride departs at 11 a.m. Ride departs from American Legion Post 33, Uxbridge, and returns to VFW Post 1385, Uxbridge, at about 2 p.m., when there will be a barbecue and music until 5 p.m. A donation of \$15 per person is requested. Tickets can be purchased by calling (508) 873-2245, or (508) 612-1339.

REGION — An all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast will be held from 8-10 a.m. at Applebee's, Route 146 Millbury. Tickets are \$5 per person and available at the door. Proceeds will support a humanitarian mission to Cuba later this month by members of local churches.

WEDNESDAY

AUG. 20

UXBRIDGE — Baby Bee's Toddler Hike at West Hill Dam. The outdoors is a great place for children to discover their world. Toddlers enjoy touching, listening, smelling, observing and tasting. Join us to view the natural world at a perfect height for toddlers. Parents or guardians are invited to join the West Hill Dam Rangers at 11 a.m. Meet at the park bulletin board area in West Hill Park (off of Quaker Street). Gate fees will be waived for program participants. This event is cancelled for rain. Parents are encouraged to bring strollers or wagons, and must supervise their children during the program.

For more information call the Ranger Team at (508) 278-2511, #1 at menu.

SUNDAY

AUG. 31

UXBRIDGE — The New England Country Music Club will hold its annual benefit for the VFW from 2-6 p.m. at VFW Post 1385, Route 16, featuring house band Country Side Kicks. Donation at door is \$5.

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UPCOMING/ONGOING

UXBRIDGE — Now in its 17th year, the Blissful Meadows annual Company Open golf tournament will take place on Friday, Sept. 12, to raise funds benefiting our local youth. The tournament began as an event in which local companies could compete against each other, eventually evolving into a youth charity event. The Company Open has raised over \$100,000 dollars to date for local youth programs and student scholarships.

The cost of this event is \$500 per team, and this includes green fees, golf car, prize money, continental breakfast, boxed lunch, dinner, and a tee sponsorship sign for your company. Registration is at 10 a.m. and the Florida-style scramble begins at 11 a.m. Guests are welcome to join the players for the 5 p.m. steak dinner; raffles and auctions for only \$25 per person. For more information, visit www.blissfulmeadows.com, or call Mark Laskowski or Shauna Stefanick at (508) 278-6110.

NORTHBRIDGE — Northbridge High School Operation Graduation 2009, 18th annual golf tournament, Saturday, Sept. 20, Heritage Country Club, Charlton, 7:15 a.m. shotgun start, Florida style. Tournament fee of \$125 includes cart and steak dinner. Contact Sheree Richards at (508) 234-0165 or sheree10@juno.com for complete information.

NORTHBRIDGE — The GFWC Whitinsville Woman's Club invites people to submit entries in a photography contest for a calendar to be published as a fundraiser for its scholarship program.

Photographs should be digital, with a 4x6 print, in color, and should feature scenes in any of Northbridge's villages. The photo should be taped to a sheet of paper on which the name of the photographer, title of the photo and location of scene or event should be typed or clearly printed. A phone number should also be included.

All entries will be judged by a panel of working artists/photographers, with 12 to be selected for publication in the calendar.

Entry forms are available from Jeanne Gould at (508) 234-8784. A photographer may submit an unlimited number of prints. The deadline is Aug. 20.

UXBRIDGE — The Board of Registrars announces that the deadline to register to vote for the Sept. 16 state primary election is 8 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 27. It is also the deadline to change political parties and to inform the Board of Registrars of a change in name or street address for the primary election.

Eligible persons may register to vote in person at the town clerk's office, or by using a Massachusetts mail-in voter registration form. All registration forms mailed to the town clerk's office must be postmarked by Aug. 27 to be a registered voter for the Sept. 16 election.

For more information about voter registration, you may call the town clerk's office at (508) 278-3156.

REGION — The Blackstone Valley Community Concert Band performance

schedule for this summer and autumn includes:

- Saturday, Aug. 9: 7 p.m., Sutton Town Common
- Saturday, Oct. 11: 1 p.m., Daniel's Farmstead, Blackstone

The Blackstone Valley Community Concert Band is a true community band consisting of approximately 50 talented musicians from the Blackstone Valley and beyond. Each performance will feature a variety of music including popular songs of yesteryear, jazz, rock, polkas, and marches, all designed to appeal to the whole family. Admission is free.

These concerts are sponsored, in part, by UniBank and local cultural councils.

DOUGLAS — The OctoberFest Committee is looking for volunteers and talent in preparation for the upcoming event slated for Saturday, Oct. 4. The town's signature celebration turns the business section of Main Street into a street festival that attracts thousands. Each year committee organizers depend on volunteers to make the event a success. Please contact Tony or Mary at (508) 476-1211 or drop off a note to the committee's box at the Municipal Center.

Keith Menard, this year's entertainment director, has booked a terrific line up of performers and is looking to showcase some of the best of the town and area's local talent. If you or your group would like to perform on stage before a crowd please submit a brief description of your work to douglas_octoberfest@yahoo.com or drop it off to the Octoberfest mailbox at the Municipal Center.

UXBRIDGE — Do you want to run your personal best time on a four-mile, USATF certified course? If that's the case, Ronny's Fun Run, sponsored by the Uxbridge Rotary Club, is the place to be on Aug. 23. The race is run on a mostly flat loop with timing provided by the Central Mass Striders. Cash prizes will be awarded to the first overall male and female finishers. Awards will be given to other first male and female finishers in the various age divisions. Free T-shirts will be provided to all race participants. The entrance fee is \$15 prior to Aug. 15 and \$20 on race day. Proceeds benefit the Ron Safer Scholarship and Uxbridge Rotary scholarships and charities. To download a registration form go to uxbridgerotary.org. For additional information contact race chairperson Brendan Lynch at (508) 822-3204.

REGION — The AARP Foundation-sponsored tax preparation program, TaxAide, helps low- and moderate- income persons prepare their federal and state income taxes during the tax season. The program is entirely managed and staffed by volunteers. Volunteer counselors and client assistants are needed in all parts of Worcester County.

No accounting experience is needed, although basic computer skills and e-mail access are necessary and basic acquaintance with tax issues is desirable. Training and mentoring will be provided. One does not need to be a member of AARP to serve. Go to AARP.com/tavolunteers and click on tab for "Leadership Development" and open pages for Client Facilitator and Counselor. Please call (508) 753-7905 if interested and for more information.

UXBRIDGE — Each Sunday, ending on Aug. 24, the First Evangelical Congregational Church of Uxbridge will be holding their worship services at the Earth Discovery Center at Southwick's Zoo. They are covenanting with the zoo and Earth Limited Inc. to honor their covenant with the earth and its creatures. Each worship service follows the usual order of worship but also includes a special animal guest. The first week they welcomed a Binturong, which is also known as an Asian Bearcat. It is their hope to learn more about their role in preserving our Earth and sharing it with all of nature.

Southwick's Zoo has also generously allowed a special offer for those attending worship. This allows anyone who attends worship to receive a group rate to enter the zoo after worship and remain for the day. The rate is \$8 per person. Worshipers also have the opportunity to choose to become a member of Earth Limited for \$60 per adult or \$40 per child. This allows you free admission to the zoo for a year.

The gates open at 8 a.m. and worship begins at 9 a.m. The zoo opens at 10 a.m. Anyone wishing to attend should plan to arrive at the zoo early allowing yourself time to get to the Discovery Center and buy tickets, if you intend to stay at the zoo after worship. The gates for worship close at 9 a.m.

You will be greeted in the parking lot, given a map and directed to the Discovery Center. For those who have difficulty walking, there is a carryall vehicle that will transport folks to and from the Discovery Center.

DOUGLAS — The Douglas Historical Society announces that the E.N. Jenckes Store Museum will be open for the summer under new hours. Douglas Historical Society President Marylynne Dube invites all to come to the store museum at 283 Main St. for complimentary coffee on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. Step back in time and take a free tour offered by the Society. Sunday hours will continue to be 1-4 p.m. through October. Group tours are welcome and can be scheduled by appointment. Please call (508) 476-3856.

Coming soon! The E.N. Jenckes Store Museum will host a Douglas Farmers Market on Saturday mornings. To reserve space and for more information, call (508) 341-4876.

UXBRIDGE — The town clerk's office announces that the calendar year 2008 Street List Book is now available for public purchase. Street list books contain information on town residents, including names, addresses, and dates of birth obtained from the 2008 annual town census. Books are \$10 each and may be purchased from the town clerk's office in Town Hall. For further information, you may call the town clerk's office at (508)278-3156.

DOUGLAS — The First Congregational Church of Douglas has resumed 10:30 a.m. services at the church building on 3 Common St. in Douglas. Renovations to the basement are ongoing, but the sanctuary has been approved for use.

UXBRIDGE — If you have not registered your child for kindergarten for the 2008-09 school year, please come to the Early Learning Center, 11 Church St., as soon as possible. Please bring your child's birth certificate, Social Security number and proof of residence. Call (508) 234-9164 for more information.

NORTHBRIDGE — The Blackstone Valley Free Medical Program, dedicated to the memory of Dr. Robert Bajema, is held from 6-8 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at Northbridge High School, 427 Linwood Ave. This is a project of the Northbridge Association of Churches.

This program is for the uninsured. No appointments needed.

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The schedule is as follows: Aug. 11, Aug. 25, Sept. 8, Sept. 22, Oct. 27, Nov. 10, Nov. 24, Dec. 8 and Dec. 22.

REGION — The Young at Heart group of Faith Fellowship Church will be taking a 10-day trip to Branson, Mo. from Sept. 26 to Oct. 5. There will be nine full breakfasts and nine complete dinners. There are 11 shows including the brand new Sight and Sound Theatre production of "Noah." There is also a day at Silver Dollar City. There will be pickups in Uxbridge and Westborough. Call Sue at (508) 476-3438 for more details.

REGION — The Friendship Circle links volunteers, children, parents, staff, and supporters in a seamless circle of friendship bringing love and joy to children with special needs.

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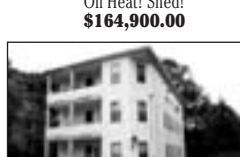

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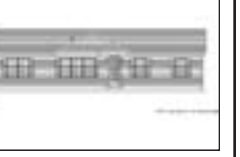
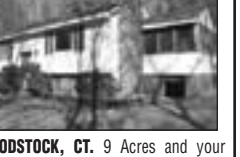
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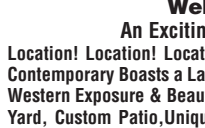
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Webster - 3 Family - Opportunity to own investment property. Priced to sell below assessed value. Recent updates, 2 car detached garage, large yard. Easily accessible to shopping, restaurants, major highways. Second and third floor in good condition... first floor needs some tlc. **\$175,000**

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Webster Family owned for 40 yrs... first floor apt. to become vacant on 8/15/2008. Wonderful opportunity for the family just starting out. Second floor has access to the 3rd floor. There are 4 semi-finished BRs, ideal for expansion. Good size yard is all fenced in... ideal for small children... Great area to let pets roam and be safe... Super Buy!!! **\$169,900**

STURBRIDGE: 3 Bed, 2 bath ranch w/2 decks sitting on 1 ± acres & finished lower level. Ample parking! Easy drive to Routes 20, 84 & Mass Pike. **\$215,000.00**

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Southbridge: DESIRABLE LOCATION! 7 rooms 3 bedrooms 1 1/2 baths. Front to back livingroom with fireplace & built ins. Serene sunny enclosed porch right off livingroom. Formal dining room with built in china cabinets. 3 spacious bedrooms plus office or den upstairs. Loads of closets! Hardwood floors! **\$304,900.**

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LAND

Leicester - Perced/surveyed lot, wooded, great neighborhood, close to town center, 1.8 acres, **\$80,000.**
West Brookfield - Grandfathered lot. Town water, Septic design, cleared **\$41,000.**
North Brookfield - Mainly open lot with perimeter trees, close to town center, 30,481 sq. ft. Town water/sewer. **\$50,900.**

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R/E Tax \$2048 \$259,900

ON DEPOSIT
WEBSTER -- Three-bedroom Cape on very nice corner lot -- eat-in kitchen -- living room -- two first-floor bedrooms -- full bath -- three-season back porch -- vinyl siding -- garage.
R/E Tax \$1409 \$174,900

REDUCED
WEBSTER – Three-bedroom Colonial on .42 acre lot with two-car garage and inground pool – eat-in kitchen – three season porch with woodstove – living room – dining room – deck – convenient location – priced for quick sale!
R/E Tax \$1840 \$179,900

ON DEPOSIT
WEBSTER – Lovingly maintained 2000 sq. ft. Hip Roof Colonial on 1.02 acres in premier family neighborhood. Four bedrooms, master with private bath - formal dining room - formal living room - fireplaced family room - spacious eat-in kitchen and dining area with sliders to deck overlooking inground pool and treed backyard - finished lower level rec room – central air - recent roof and boiler, 2-car attached garage - stone wall - minutes to Interstate 395, routes 16, 12 and 193.
R/E Tax \$2719 12 Blueberry Lane \$339,900

REDUCED
WEBSTER – Classic Custom Ranch on beautifully manicured lot offering privacy and convenience. Fire-placed living room -- formal dining area -- kitchen with breakfast bar -- two bedrooms -- ceramic bath -- hardwoods -- finished basement with 3/4 bath -- walk-up attic with great potential for additional rooms -- front porch -- three-season room -- gazebo -- canopied patio -- garage. Minutes to beach, highway, schools, stores.
R/E Tax \$2179 Park Avenue \$259,900

NEW LISTING
DUDLEY – Lovingly maintained and totally immaculate Cape in wonderful neighborhood – cabinet-packed kitchen – dining room – front-to-back living room w/fireplace and bow window – two bedrooms – 1.5 ceramic baths – finished breezeway with sliders to deck – new interior paint and carpeting – hardwoods – shed – vinyl siding – two-car attached garage – nicely landscaped 1/3 acre.
R/E Tax \$1843 \$274,900

NEW LISTING
WEBSTER -- Nice expandable Cape on corner lot in good neighborhood -- eat-in kitchen -- living room -- two bedrooms -- screened front porch -- recent roof, furnace, electric, vinyl siding and windows -- detached one-car garage -- gas heat.
R/E Tax \$1338 \$179,900

WEBSTER -- Affordable starter home -- Living room -- eat-in kitchen -- two bedrooms -- office/den -- partially finished basement -- vinyl siding, recent roof -- shed -- well-motivated seller!
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DUDLEY: Large 3 room condo. New flooring and freshly painted. Better than paying rent! Great commuter location **\$90,000**

DUDLEY: Mint 2 BR vinyl sided Ranch, fully appl'd kitchen w/ceramic and hardwood floors, full basement, porch and garage! **\$179,900**

AUBURN: Very lovely 3 BR ranch, fully appliances kitchen, fpd., LR, some hardwoods, garage, fenced yard! Convenient to schools and shopping. **\$215,000**

REDUCED
AUBURN: Immaculate 3 BR, 2 BA split in great area, open floor plan, cathedral kitchen, fin. LL, 2 car garage. Price reduced! **\$299,900**

NEW TO MARKET
WEBSTER: Owner occupied 3 family home, 6 Rms, 3 BR each floor. Lots of natural woodwork. Very nice condition! **\$189,000**

REDUCED
SOUTHBRIDGE: Lovely Contemporary Colonial in country setting! Appld. Cherry cabined kitch. Sunken LR w/cathdris. Huge Deck w/view! Pool! **\$289,900**

AUBURN: Lovely 3BR Cape. Formal fire-placed dining room, eat-in kitchen, finished lower level! Multi-level decks and pools! **\$249,900**

CHARLTON: Spectacular 3BR, 2.5 BA Log home on 2+ private acres. Gourmet appld. kitchen, hardwoods, oversized deck, walk-out basement! **Reduced \$359,900**

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Dudley - 3 RM, 1 BR. **\$90,000**
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Lawmakers reach consensus on health care cost containment

REGION — The Senate and House last week reached consensus on comprehensive legislation that will usher in the next phase of health care reform in Massachusetts with a package of new initiatives aimed at bringing down escalating health care costs and creating greater access to primary care.

“Two years ago, we took historic steps to expand access to health care for every citizen of the Commonwealth,” said Sen. Richard Moore, D-Uxbridge, Senate chairman of the Health Care Financing Committee. “This bill takes the next critical step by improving the quality and affordability of health care. It launches several initiatives essential to creating a transparent system of quality improvement and cost containment... I am proud to join with the Senate president and my colleagues in the Legislature in approving this comprehensive initiative.”

Moore was a key architect of the Legislature's original health care reform initiative, in addition to the compromise that has now been reached between the Senate and the House of Representatives. Moore, along with Senate President Therese Murray, D-Plymouth, House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi, D-

Boston, and House Chairwoman of the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing Rep. Patricia Walrath, D-Stow, attended and spoke at a press conference to discuss the ambitious cost containment measures.

The legislation promotes the modernization of the health care system to reduce waste and improve quality care, establishing the Commonwealth as a national leader in the statewide adoption of electronic medical records and uniform billing, which together could save hundreds of millions of dollars.

“This legislation is crucial for the future vitality of our health care system and our economy,” said Murray. “It establishes bold reforms in the structure and operation of our health care industry that will bring down costs, improve access to primary care and establish transparency measures for providers and insurers alike. This is an exclamation point on the end of a very productive legislative session, and I couldn't be happier with the hard work and collaboration that went into this legislation. I look forward to the governor signing it as soon as possible.”

The compromise legislation authorizes the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy and the

Attorney General to hold an annual public hearing with health care providers and health care insurers to investigate and report on health care cost drivers and make cost-reduction recommendations. It also creates a Special Commission on Health Payment Reform to investigate restructuring the current payment system to provide incentives for efficient and effective care. The 15-member commission will make its recommendations no later than April 1, 2009.

The legislation requires the Department of Public Health to set a new “marketing code of conduct” that all pharmaceutical and medical device companies must adopt and comply with, as enforced by the state. The standard will include all the restrictions and guidelines in the most recent versions of industry-adopted ethics codes. The compromise language also requires all pharmaceutical and medical device companies to disclose the value, nature, purpose and recipient of any fee, payment, subsidy or other economic benefit with a value over \$50 that goes to any health care professional in the Commonwealth.

Other provisions of the bill include:

- Strengthening the

Determination of Need (DON) process for outpatient capital projects and ambulatory surgery centers to help maintain standards of quality and ensure the efficient and equitable deployment of health care resources across the Commonwealth.

- Authorizing MassHealth to establish a “Medical Home” demonstration program to promote coordinated, comprehensive patient care and strengthen the role of primary care providers.
- Creating a new loan forgiveness program for doctors and nurses who commit to practicing certain specialties in medically underserved areas, administered by the Health Care Workforce Center.
- Expanding enrollment at UMass Medical School for students committed to primary care specialties.
- Creating an enhanced “learning contract” for UMass Medical students who commit to working four years in primary care in Massachusetts, providing a greater tuition incentive for those who participate, but also including a tougher penalty for students who don't complete their commitment.
- Required reporting of “serious reportable events”, adverse drug events and hospital-acquired infections.

• Requiring physician competency in health information technology for board registration by the year 2015.

The legislation's requirement for the statewide adoption of electronic medical records also sets a goal of 2015 for implementation and dedicates \$25 million for the financing and deployment of the system, which will be overseen by the new Massachusetts e-Health Institute. After 2015, the use of an interoperable health record system would be required for hospital licensure.

The legislation sets a goal of 2012 for statewide adoption of Computerized Physician Order Entry systems (CPOE). After this date, the use of CPOE systems would be required for hospital licensure. Additionally, the legislation's standard for uniform billing among health care providers and insurance companies will simplify the current billing structure to reduce administrative costs and errors.

For more information on Sen. Moore's work in the legislature, please visit www.senatormoore.com.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Mary Ann Augusto to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated November 21, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 40298, Page 1, of which mortgage CitiMortgage, Inc. is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on August 22, 2008, on the mortgaged premises located at 40 Marble Road, Sutton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

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THENCE by land of Tebo N. 76° 19' E. 142.92 feet to an iron pipe;

THENCE by remaining land now or formerly of Omer H. Gagne et ux, S. 5° 21' W. 186.22 feet to an iron pipe;

THENCE by grantor's land N. 82° 47' W. 139.69 feet to an iron rod in east line of Marble Road;

THENCE by Marble Road, N. 7° 13' 135 feet to the point of beginning.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 22433, Page 40.

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Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
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July 25, 2008
Aug. 1, 2008
Aug. 8, 2008

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Angela Daniel n/k/a Angela R. Annunziata** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Mortgage Financial, Inc., dated July 15, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36814, Page 119 of which mortgage U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same

will be sold at Public Auction at **10:00 AM on August 15, 2008**, on the mortgaged premises located at **141 Heritage Drive, Unit No. 141 of the Heritage Park Estates Condominium, Whitinsville (Northbridge), MA 01588**, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:
The "Unit" known as Unit No. 141, having a post office address of 141 Heritage Drive, in a condominium known as Heritage Park Estates Condominium and established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, as amended, by Master Deed dated February 20, 1985 and recorded with Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 8533, Page 320. Together with an undivided .54702 percentage interest in the common areas and facilities of said Condominium and together with the rights, if any, to exclusive use of the common areas and facilities of said Condominium as more fully set forth in the aforesaid Master Deed and the Unit Deed. Together with the benefit of, and subject to, the easements, restrictions, conditions, rights and obligations set forth or referred to in said Master Deed, Unit Deed and provisions of the Heritage Park Estates Condominium Trust, its by-laws and Rules and Regulations, recorded with said Registry of Deeds, as the same may from time to time be amended by instruments of record. This Unit is intended for residential purposes. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with

the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36814, Page 117. These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, right of ways, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens, or encumbrances is made in the deed. TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) DOLLARS by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at **ABLITT LAW OFFICES, P.C., 92 Montvale Avenue, Suite 2950, Stoneham, MA 02180**, other terms and conditions will be provided at the place of sale. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. OTHER TERMS, IF ANY, TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE SALE.
Present holder of said mortgage, U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, By its Attorneys, **Abritt Law Offices, P.C., Esq., ABLITT LAW OFFICES, P.C., 92 Montvale**

Avenue, Suite 2950, Stoneham, Massachusetts 02180, Telephone: (781) 246-8995, Dated: 07/08/2008 (8.1382/Daniel)(07/25/08, 08/01/08, 08/08/08)(120191)
July 25, 2008
August 1, 2008
August 8, 2008
NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Richard D. Famulari and Elaina S. Famulari to New Century Mortgage Corporation, dated July 27, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 39498, Page 67, of which mortgage CitiMortgage, Inc. is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 p.m. on August 22, 2008, on the mortgaged premises located at 39 West Main Street, Upton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,
TO WIT:
The land in Upton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, situated on the northerly side of Grafton Street (also called West Main
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Street), and being Lot #4 on a Plan of Land in Upton, Mass., property of Halmer V. and Emma M. Tornwall, dated August 13, 1973 by Blackstone Valley Survey & Engineering, Inc. and recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 388, Plan 87, to which plan reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 35779, Page 137.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
200803-0321 - PRP

July 25, 2008
Aug. 1, 2008
Aug. 8, 2008

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Patrick McGourty to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated June 28, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 39276, Page 237, of which mortgage Chase Home Finance LLC is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on August 20, 2008, on the mortgaged premises located at 238 West River Road, Unit A, Five Harvest Run Condominium, Uxbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:
Unit No. A (The Unit) of Five Harvest Run Condominium created pursuant to Chapter 183A of the Massachusetts General Laws (the 'ACT') by Master Deed dated July 21, 1987 and recorded with the Worcester County Register of Deeds at Book 10651, Page 110, (the 'Master Deed'), together with (A) an undivided 50 percent interest in both the common areas and facilities of the condominium, and the organization of Unit Owners through which the Condominium is managed and regulated, (B) the exclusive right to use the parking space and storage area, if any, assigned to the Unit and (C) such other rights and easements appurtenant to the Unit as maybe set forth in any documents governing the operation of the condominium, including without limitation the Master Deed, the Bylaws of the organization of Unit owners, and any adnministrative rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto (all of which are hereinafter referred to as the 'Condominium Documents'). The above described premises are conveyed to seller by deed dated 7/22/87 and recorded in Book 10654, Page 188.

Said Unit contains1552.46 square feet more or less, according to said plan.

Said premises are hereby conveyed subject to and with the benefits of rights and easements set forth in the record title.

Being the same premises conveyed to Jessica A. Bruneau and Tommy Bruneau by deed of Jessica A. Bruneau dated April 26, 2002 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 26510, Page 54.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39276, Page 235.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law

Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
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200803-0143 - RED

July 25, 2008
Aug. 1, 2008
Aug. 8, 2008

LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by John Murphy a/k/a John D. Murphy and Renee Murphy to World Savings Bank, FSB, dated August 23, 2005 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37255, Page 197, of which mortgage Wachovia Mortgage, FSB f/k/a World Savings Bank, FSB is the present holder, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 65 Lake Street, Uxbridge, Massachusetts will be sold at a Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on August 22, 2008, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

THE LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON LOCATED IN UXBRIDGE, WORCESTER COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS, SHOWN AS LOT 7 ON A PLAN ENTITLED "CANTERBURY HILLS PLAN OF LAND IN UXBRIDGE, & NORTHBRIDGE, MASS. PREPARED FOR BLACKSTONE-CHICAGO CORPORATION" SCALE 1"=60', DATED JUNE 23, 1992, DRAWN BY ANDREWS SURVEY AND ENGINEERING, INC., WHICH PLAN IS RECORDED IN THE WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS, PLAN BOOK 669 AS PLAN 3. THE LAND IS MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTHEAST LINE OF LAKE STREET, SAID POINT BEING THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF THE LOT HEREIN DESCRIBED;

THENCE S. 70 DEGREES 40' 24" E., 488.36 FEET BY LOT 9 AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN TO A POINT;

THENCE S. 65 DEGREES 07' 07" W., 188.56 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE N. 68 DEGREES 55' 44" W., 400.35 FEET BY LOT 5 AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHEAST LINE OF LAKE STREET;

THENCE N 41 DEGREES 03' 58" E., 112.21 FEET ALONG LAKE STREET TO A POINT;

THENCE NORTHEASTERLY BY A CURVE TO THE LEFT, THE RADIUS OF WHOSE ARC IS 229.61 FEET, A CURVED DISTANCE OF 16.00 FEET ALONG LAKE STREET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 1.29 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, ACCORDING TO SAID PLAN.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO JOHN D. MURPHY AND RENEE MURPHY, HUSBAND AND WIFE BY DEED FROM KATHRYN A. SANTANGINI, FORMERLY KNOWN AS KATHRYN A. WELCH RECORDED 10/03/2003 IN DEED BOOK 31872 PAGE 264, IN THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS PLAN FOR WORCESTER COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS.

The above premises will be sold subject to all taxes, assessments, and other encumbrances which may constitute a prior lien thereon, and will be conveyed subject to any easements, restrictions of record, tenancies, and rights of redemption for unpaid federal taxes, if any, as shall, notwithstanding this provision, constitute valid liens or encumbrances thereon after said sale.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's check, or certified check in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder and will be required to be paid as a deposit by the successful bidder; successful bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or current funds in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP, 2364 Post Road, Suite 100, Warwick, RI 02886 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.
WACHOVIA MORTGAGE, FSB F/K/A WORLD SAVINGS BANK, FSB

Present holder of said mortgage

By Its Attorneys,

PARTRIDGE SNOW & HAHN LLP
2364 Post Road, Suite 100
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July 25, 2008

August 1, 2008
August 8, 2008

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Christopher J. Novack and Sandra J. Novack to "MERS", Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for Allied Home Mortgage Capital Corp., "Lender"; and its successors and assigns dated December 23, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 38105, Page 275, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction at 10:00 AM, on August 15, 2008**, on the premises known as **172 Perry Street, Douglas, Massachusetts**, the premises described in said mortgage, together with all the rights, easements, and appurtenances thereto, to wit:

the land in Douglas, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on Southeast Main Street and Perry Street, shown as Lot I on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Douglas, Mass. Surveyed for Thomas Schwartz, scale 1" = 50", dated September 7, 1989 by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., 90 Mendon Street, Uxbridge, Mass.," as shown on Plan Book 632, Plan 17. Said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a drill hole set in a wall on the southwesterly side of Southeast Main Street, It being the northeasterly corner of the hereinafter described premises;

THENCE S. 88° 10' 17" W. a distance of 420.73 feet to a point on a wall on the northeasterly side of Perry Street;

THENCE N.18° 20' 50" E. with said wall and Perry Street a distance of 183.48 feet to a drill hole set in a wall;

THENCE N. 17° 54' 06" E. with said wall and Perry Street a distance of 40.07 feet to a drill hole set in a wall;

THENCE N. 14° 26' 27" E. with said wall and Perry Street a distance of 211.82 feet to a drill hole set in a wall;

THENCE N. 60° 08' 42" E. a distance of 20.48 feet to a drill hole set in a wall on the Southwesterly side of Southeast Main Street;

THENCE S. 33° 42' 38" E. with said wall and Southeast Main Street a distance of 150.87 feet to a drill hole set in the wall;

THENCE S. 34° 03' 02" E. with said wall and Southeast Main Street a distance of 180.01 feet to a drill hole set in the wall;

THENCE S. 33° 00' 05" E. with said wall and Southeast Main Street a distance of 64.75 feet to a drill hole set in a wall;

Thence S. 35° 10' 06" E. a distance of 104.27 feet to the place of beginning.

Containing 90,007.67 sq ft, more or less, according to said plan.

Being all and the same premises conveyed to the mortgagor (s) by deed dated 06/20/2002 and recorded with Worcester South Registry of Deeds in Book 26832, Page 386.

Terms of Sale: These premises are being sold subject to any and all unpaid real estate taxes, water rates, municipal charges and assessments, condominium charges, expenses, costs, and assessments, if applicable, federal tax liens, partition wall rights, statutes, regulations, zoning, subdivision control, or other municipal ordinances or bylaws respecting land use, configuration, building or approval, or bylaws, statutes or ordinances regarding the presence of lead paint, asbestos or other toxic substances, sanitary codes, housing codes, tenancy, and, to the extent that they are recorded prior to the above mortgage, any easements, rights of way, restrictions, confirmation or other matters of record. Purchaser shall also bear all state and county deeds excise tax. The deposit of \$5,000.00 is to be paid in cash or bank or certified check at the time and place of the sale, with the balance of the purchase price to be paid by bank or certified check within thirty (30) days after the date of the sale, to be deposited in escrow with Guaetta and Benson, LLC, at 9 Acton Road, Suite # 10, Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder or, thereafter, to the next highest bidders, providing that said bidder shall deposit with said attorney, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within five (5) business days after written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder.

Other terms, if any, are to be announced at the sale.

Present holder of said mortgage
Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.
by its Attorneys
Guaetta and Benson, LLC
Peter V. Guaetta, Esquire
9 Acton Road
Suite # 10
Chelmsford, MA 01824
July 17, 2008

July 25, 2008
Aug. 1, 2008
Aug. 8, 2008

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Neal J. Rapp**, to Americor Lending Group, Inc. dated September 12, 2005, recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37569, Page 177 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of conditions of said

mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION at **12:00 PM on August 20, 2008**, on the mortgaged premises. The entire mortgaged premises, all and singular, the premises as described in said mortgage:

In Uxbridge said Unit is laid out as shown on a plan filed with the First Deed of this Unit to Marinella Construction, Inc. Recorded at Book 22951, Page 102, which plan is a copy of a portion of the Plans filed with said Master Deed, as amended, in Plan Book 756, Plan 92, and to which is attached a Verified Statement in the Form required by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, Sec. 9, said Unit is subject to and has the benefit of the obligations, restrictions, rights, easements and liabilities contained in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, said Master Deed and the Olde Canal Village Condominium Trust and the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations Recorded in Book 22452, Page 82. The Condominium and each of the Units is intended for Residential Purposes for Persons over the Age of 55 Years and other permitted by both the Applicable Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Uxbridge and said Master Deed. For Informational Purposes Only: The APN is shown by the County Assessor as APN:; Source of Title is Book 26875, Page 143 (Recorded 06/27/02). Being the same premises conveyed to Neal J. Rapp, by deed dated September 12, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37569, Page 177.

Subject to and with the benefit of easements, reservation, restrictions, and taking of record, if any, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable.

In the event of any typographical error set forth herein in the legal description of the premises, the description as set forth and contained in the mortgage shall control by reference.

This property has the address of **Unit 12, Building 3, 21 Olde Canal Way of the Olde Canal Village Conodminium, Uxbridge, MA 01569**

Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this sale.

Terms of Sale: Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments, tax sales, tax titles and other municipal liens and water or sewer liens and State or County transfer fees, if any there are, and **TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00)** in cashier's or certified check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of the sale as a deposit and the balance in cashier's or certified check will be due in thirty (30) days, at the offices of Doonan, Graves & Longoria, LLC, 100 Cummings Center, Suite 225D, Beverly, MA 01915, time being of the essence.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale-date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

The premises is to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, leases, tenancies, and rights of possession, building and zoning laws, encumbrances, condominium liens, if any and all other claim in the nature of liens, if any there be.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder, providing that said second highest bidder shall deposit with the Mortgagee's attorneys, DOONAN, GRAVES, & LONGORIA LLC, 100 Cummings Center, Suite 225D, Beverly, Massachusetts, 01915, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder and title shall be conveyed to the said second highest bidder within thirty (30) days of said written notice.

If the second highest bidder declines to purchase the within described property, the Mortgagee reserves the right to purchase the within described property at the amount bid by the second highest bidder.

The foreclosure deed and the consideration paid by the successful bidder shall be held in escrow by DOONAN, GRAVES, & LONGORIA LLC, (hereinafter called the "Escrow Agent") until the deed shall be released from escrow to the successful bidder at the same time as the consideration is released to the Mortgagee, thirty (30) days after the date of sale, whereupon all obligations of the Escrow Agent shall be deemed to have been properly fulfilled and the Escrow Agent shall be discharged.

[If a second mortgage] Be advised that the mortgage being foreclosed is a second mortgage and that the payoff of the first mortgage shall be announced at the auction.

Other terms to be announced at the sale. Dated: July 18, 2008, Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee, By: Reneau Longoria. Esq., DOONAN, GRAVES, & LONGORIA LLC, 100 Cummings Center, Suite 225D, Beverly, MA 01915, (978) 921-2670 (2335.24/Rapp)(07/25/08, 08/01/08,

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August 8, 2008

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Edward J. Ronca and Carolyn L. Ronca to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated June 13, 2003 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 30441, Page 314, of which mortgage PHH Mortgage Corporation is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on August 22, 2008, on the mortgaged premises located at 118 Theresa Circle, Whitinsville (Northbridge), Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER, STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

THE LAND ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF THERESA CIRCLE IN THE VILLAGE OF WHITINSVILLE, TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS BEING SHOWN AS LOT NO.11 ON A PLAN ENTITLED 'PRENTICE GARDENS II, SUBDIVISION, PLAN OF LAND IN NORTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS, DATED FEBRUARY 18,1975, GUERRIERA AND HALNON, INC., ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING, WHITINSVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS,' SAID PLAN BEING RECORDED IN WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS, PLAN BOOK 411, PLAN 17 AND MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF THERESA CIRCLE AT THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER OF THE PREMISES THEREIN CONVEYED;

THENCE N. 75 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 12 SECONDS W., 381.89 FEET TO A POINT AT LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF ASHLAND SAND AND CONCRETE CO., INC.;

THENCE N. 41 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 00 SECONDS E., 180.00 FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE S. 63 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 02 SECONDS E., 297.62 FEET TO A POINT AT SAID THERESA CIRCLE;

THENCE PROCEEDING SOUTHERLY BY THE WESTERLY SIDE OF THERESA CIRCLE FOR A CURVED DISTANCE OF 100 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 44,498 SQUARE FEET OF LAND MORE OR LESS.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 8033, Page 280.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
200803-0450 - ORE

July 25, 2008
Aug. 1, 2008
Aug. 8, 2008

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Nancy Vil to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated May 16, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 38986, Page 47, of which mortgage Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-FF11 is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 p.m. on August 22, 2008, on the mortgaged premises located at 164 Perry Street , Douglas, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

A certain lot or parcel of land on the easterly side of Perry Street in the Town of Douglas,

Massachusetts and shown as Lot Number 5 on a plan of land entitled "Subdivision of Land Owned By Lester R.

Whipple, Douglas, MA", February 1974 Scale: 1 Inch = 50 Feet Bibeault Engineering Associates, Inc., Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors, One Depot Square, Woonsocket, Rhode Island. See Plan recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds In Plan Book 394, Plan 88, boune as follows:

BEGINNING: At point on the said Easterly side of Perry Street at the most southerly corner the lot herein conveyed;

THENCE: N. 07° 43' 09" E., 150.00 feet by said Perry Street to a point;

THENCE: N. 82° 13' 00" E. 445.26 Feet by Lot A an said plan to a point;

THENCE: S. 01 ° 32' 57" E. 80.00 feet by land now or formerly of Chester Thayer to a point;

THENCE: S. 74° 26' 58" W. 481.07 feet by Lot 6 on said Plan to the point of beginning.

CONTAINING: 50,850 Square feet of Land, More or Less.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 34772, Page 284.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST
2006-FF11

Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
200803-0072 - YEL

July 25, 2008
Aug. 1, 2008
Aug. 8, 2008

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Sean M. Hurley to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated July 28, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 36945, Page 204 of which the Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 09:00 AM on August 25, 2008 at 55 Uxbridge Road, Sutton, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land situated on the northeasterly side of Oxbridge Road in the Town of Sutton, Worcester County and shown as Lot B on a plan by Lavallee Brothers, Inc. dated 10 June 1997 recorded with Worcester District Deeds in Plan Book 732, Plan 67. Said parcel containing 1.67 acres. Beginning at a point on the northeasterly side-line of Uxbridge Road said point being the southwesterly corner or parcel to be conveyed and the southeasterly corner of Lot A.

THENCE N. 27 degrees 26' 40" E. 370.47 feet to a point;

THENCE N. 75 degrees 15' 12" E. 28.70 feet by land of W. Johnson to a point;

THENCE S. 14 degrees 32' 03" E. 250.72 feet by land of W. Johnson to a point

THENCE S. 14 degrees 07' 36" E. 65.98 feet to a point;

THENCE S. 13 degrees 50' 23" E. 137.64 feet to a point;

THENCE S. 15 degrees 11' 4" E. 46.71 feet to a point;

THENCE S. 39 degrees 24' 16" W. 17.43 feet to a point.

The last courses by land of Robbins
THENCE by a curve to the left R=720.00 Length of curve 212.23 feet by the northeasterly side-line of Uxbridge Road to a WCH bound opposite Sta. 27+96.06.

THENCE N. 67 degrees 29' 05" W. 141.04 feet by said sideline to the point of Beginning.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check or bank treasurer's check will be required to be delivered at or before the

time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in the publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale.

Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, Orlans Moran PLLC, P.O. Box 962169, Boston, MA 02196, (617) 502-4100 (285.1808/Hurley)(08/01/08, 08/08/08, 08/15/08)(120845)

August 1, 2008
August 8, 2008
August 15, 2008

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by David L. Nigro and Tammy M. Nigro to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated August 22, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 39625, Page 122, of which mortgage Bank of America, National Association is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 p.m. on August 29, 2008, on the mortgaged premises located at 53 Eben Chamberlain Road, Whitinsville (Northbridge), Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

Exhibit A

All that certain lot or parcel of land with all the buildings and improvements thereon situate in the Town of Northbridge (Whitinsville), County of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, shown as Lot 14 on the Definitive Subdivision Plan of 'Eben Chamberlain' prepared by Andrews Survey and Engineering, Inc. dated November 8, 1999 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 754, Plan 111. Containing 47,428 square feet (1.089 acres) of land according to said plan.

Together with the right to use in common with others Eben Chamberlain Road for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Northbridge. Subject to and together with the right to use in common with others the ten (10) foot wide sidewalk easement on the southerly side of Eben Chamberlain Road as shown on said plan.

Subject to the restrictive Covenants dated March 14, 2000 and recorded with said registry in Book 22531,Page 85 as amended by instrument dated July 31, 2001 and recorded nth said Relswt, in Book 24602, Page 202; and subject to the provisions of a Certificate of Approval by the Northbridge Planning Band dated March 29, 2000 and recorded with said Registry in Book 2253 1, Page 80.

Subject to the Restriction set forth in Deed dated May 19, 1999 and recorded with said Registry in Book 21408, Page 169; and subject to rights and easements set forth in an instrument recorded with said Registry in Book 3972, Page 179, if affecting locus.

Subject to the rights and easements granted to the Massachusetts Electric Company by instruments dated July 26, 2000 and recorded with said Regisstry in Book 22984, Page 35 and Page 40.

The mortgagor(s) expressly reserve my/our rights of Homestead and do not wish to terminate my/our Homestead by granting the within conveyance notwithstanding my/our waiver of such homestead in paragraph 24 of the within mortgage.

Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor (s) by deed recorded with Worcester District

Registry of Deeds at Book 39625, Page 120.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39625, Page 120.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at

the sale.

BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
200803-1132 - BLU
August 1, 2008
August 8, 2008
August 15, 2008

LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by M. Bashiru Turay to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Drew Mortgage Associates, Inc., dated June 2, 2006 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester Division) Registry of Deeds in Book 39111, Page 139, of which mortgage AmTrust Bank is the present holder, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 21 West Millbury Road, Sutton, Massachusetts will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00 p.m. on September 2, 2008, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the improvements thereon located on West Millbury Road, Sutton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lot #5 on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Lots at West Millbury Road & Eight Lots Road, Sutton Massachusetts dated September 29, 2004, Graz Engineering, LLC and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 818, Plan 42, to which plan reference may be had for a more particular description of said Lot.

Containing 80,510 square feet, according to said plan.

The above premises will be sold subject to all taxes, assessments, and other encumbrances which may constitute a prior lien thereon, and will be conveyed subject to any easements, restrictions of record, tenancies, and rights of redemption for unpaid federal taxes, if any, as shall, notwithstanding this provision, constitute valid liens or encumbrances thereon after said sale.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's check, or certified check in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder and will be required to be paid as a deposit by the successful bidder; successful bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or current funds in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP, 2364 Post Road, Suite 100, Warwick, RI 02886, or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

AMTRUST BANK

Present holder of said mortgage

By Its Attorneys,

PARTRIDGE SNOW & HAHN LLP
2364 Post Road, Suite 100
Warwick, Rhode Island 02886
(401) 681-1900

August 1, 2008
August 8, 2008
August 15, 2008

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by **Diane Walker** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated March 17, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 38593, Page 336 of which the Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at **9:00 AM on August 28, 2008 at 782 Northwest Main Street, Douglas, MA**, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land, with the building thereon, shown as Lot 1A on a plan of land entitled, "Plan of Douglas, MA", prepared for Owner: Robert Kiley, Plan by George E. Smith & Associates, 33 Burncoat Street, Worcester, MA 01605, Scale 1" = 60', dated February 11, 2003, Zone: RA, which plan is recorded with the Worcester Registry or Deeds .5 Plan No. 19 in Plan Book 793 of 2003.

Said premises known and numbered as 782 Northwest Main Street, Douglas, Massachusetts.

For title reference, see deed recorded at the Worcester County Registry of Deeds In Book 32658, Page 164.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check or bank treasurer's check will be required to be delivered at or before the

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time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in the publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, Orlans Moran PLLC, P.O. Box 962169, Boston, MA 02196, (617) 502-4100 (285.3548/Walker)(08/01/08, 08/08/08, 08/15/08)(120821) August 1, 2008 August 8, 2008 August 15, 2008

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT (SEAL) Case No. 377545

To: Tanios Kahale and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee claiming to be the holder of a Mortgage covering real property in Sutton, numbered 93 Wheelock Road given by Tanios W. Kahale to Lendia, Inc., dated October 14, 2005, and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 37564, Page 291 and now held by the plaintiff by assignment has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the SEP 08 2008 or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, KARYN F. SCHEIER, Chief Justice of said Court on JUL 23 2008. Attest:

DEBORAH J. PATTERSON
RECORDER
200803-1627-RED

August 8, 2008
Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Department WORCESTER Division Docket No. 08P2241EP1
In the Estate of LORRAINE L ROY A/K/A LORRAINE ROY Late of BLACKSTONE In the County of WORCESTER Date of Death June 20, 2008 **NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that MICHELLE L ROY of BLACKSTONE in the County of WORCESTER or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT WORCESTER ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **AUGUST 26, 2008.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. JOSEPH L. HART, JR., ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at WORCESTER this day, July 29, 2008.

Stephen G. Abraham
Register of Probate

August 8, 2008
NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Brian Dodge and Betsy-Anne Gosselin to Long Beach Mortgage Company, dated December 20, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 38068, Page 232, of which mortgage Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-1 is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on September 3, 2008, on the mortgaged premises located at 153 Cooper Road, Northbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, **TO WIT:**

The land with the buildings thereon, in Northbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on the westerly side of Cooper Road, shown as Lot 1 on a plan entitled "Plan

of Property in Northbridge, Massachusetts Owned by Katherine M. Redd & Thelma R. Moses" dated April 20, 2005, recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 836, as Plan 13, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning on the westerly side of Cooper Road at the northeast corner of the lot herein described;

Thence S 24° 53' 30" W, 150.04 feet partially by a stone wall on the westerly side of Cooper Road to a point;

Thence N 63° 43' 45" W, 267.08 feet by land now or formerly of Brouillard to a point;

Thence N 24° 53' 30" E, 150.04 feet by Parcel "A" shown on said plan to a point;

Thence S 63° 43' 45" E, 2670.8 feet by said Parcel "A" to the point of beginning.

Containing 40,062 square feet, more or less, according to said plan.

For title reference see deed recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 13594, Page 285.

For mortgagors' title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38068, Page 230.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-1
Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
200711-2117 - GRY

August 8, 2008
August 15, 2008
August 22, 2008

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Brian S. Drake and Cindie L. Drake to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. , dated August 31, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 34512, Page 22, of which mortgage GMAC Mortgage, LLC is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on September 5, 2008, on the mortgaged premises located at 95 Duval Road, Sutton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, **TO WIT:**

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated on the southerly side of Duval Road and the easterly side of Torrey Road, in Sutton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lot 1 on a plan of land entitled 'Plan of Property in Sutton, Massachusetts, Prepared for Anthony Auger' which plan is recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 808, Plan 1, to which plan reference may be made for a more particular description of said Lot 1. Said Lot 1 contains 80,289 square feet, more or less, according to said plan. Said Lot 1 conveyed subject to a Setback Line as shown on said plan.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 34512, Page 20.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to pur-

chaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC
Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
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August 8, 2008
August 15, 2008
August 22, 2008

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Robin E. Dresser to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated May 30, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 39075, Page 228, of which mortgage U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee to SASCO, Series 2006-BC3 is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 5:00 p.m. on September 5, 2008, on the mortgaged premises located at 8 River Street a/k/a 8 Canal Street, Manchaug (Sutton), Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, **TO WIT:**

A certain parcel of land together with the buildings thereon, located in the Village of Manchaug, Town of Sutton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being lot number seven (7) shown and designated on a plan of land entitled "Property of Knight Finance Corp., Manchaug Village and Mills, Sutton, Mssachusetts. Revised Plan September, 1927" recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 52, Plan 4.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39075, Page 226.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE TO SASCO, SERIES 2006-BC3
Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
200803-1245 - RED

August 8, 2008
August 15, 2008
August 22, 2008

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by **Joseph Flynn and Stacey Perry-Flynn** to Saxon Mortgage, Inc. d/b/a Saxon Home Mortgage, dated June 23, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 39261, Page 260 of which the Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at **9:00 AM on September 2, 2008 at 29 Vine Street, Douglas, MA**, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon located on a certain parcel of land situated in the Town of Douglas, in the southwesterly Portion thereon located on the northwesterly side of Vine Street, public way, shown as Lot No. 12 on a plan of land entitled, "Land of Bruce T. and Douglas G. Amsbary to be conveyed to C&P Builders, Inc., Doulgas, Mass., July 22, 1986" Scale 1" = 10 feet, drawn by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc. Uxbridge, Massachusetts as recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 560, Plan 115. Said Lot #12 contains 2.747 acres of land, more or less.

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ments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check or bank treasurer's check will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale.

Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas formerly known as Banker's Trust Company, as Trustee and Custodian, Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, Orlans Moran PLLC, P.O. Box 962169, Boston, MA 02196, (617) 502-4100 (244.4497/Flynn)(08/08/08, 08/15/08, 08/22/08)(121838) August 8, 2008 August 15, 2008 August 22, 2008

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Danielle F. Smith and Adam P. Smith to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated August 11, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 39563, Page 168, of which mortgage US Bank, N.A. as trustee is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on September 2, 2008, on the mortgaged premises located at 10 Taft Street, Unit No. 10 in the Taft Street Condominium, Northbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, **TO WIT:**

The property described as Unit No. 10 in the Taft Street Condominium created by Master Deed dated July 27, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 36914, Page 55.

The Unit conveyed is laid out as shown on a plan recorded with said Master Deed and to which is affixed the verified statement in the form provided in the M.G.L. c. 183A, Section 9. It is subject to and with the benefit of the obligations, restrictions, easements, right and liabilities contained in General Laws Chapter 183A, the Master Deed, any amendments thereto, and the By-Laws recorded therewith. The undivided interest of the Unit conveyed hereunder in the common areas and facilities is 20%.

The mailing address is Unit #10, Taft Street, Northbridge, MA 01534.

The condominium and the unit conveyed hereunder are intended for residential purposes and other uses permitted by the applicable Zoning Ordinances and as set forth in the Master Deed as amended.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39563, Page 166.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

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Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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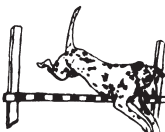
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BY KEITH GRIFFIN

After a week with the 2009 Volkswagen Tiguan, I'm left wondering, "What's the point?" Does the world really need another crossover utility vehicle like the Tiguan (which is called a compact sport utility vehicle by VW)?

Apparently, Germans think so because it's become a top seller among off-road vehicles in VW's home country since its introduction six months ago. That perplexes me, though, because the Tiguan features all-wheel drive, an \$1850 option. All-wheel drive is really only suitable for light off-road duty. Maybe Germans are like Americans and buys vehicles for off-road use – and then never take them offroad.

It's a likeable enough vehicle with lots of space for five and their assorted belongings. Fuel economy is OK and it drives well. The problem, though, is I think only VW owners who might want a compact sport utility vehicle will buy the Tiguan. I can't envision it capturing buyers from other brands when such tough competition exists in this segment. The Tiguan is powered by a 2.0-liter, four cylinder turbo engine. The turbo helps improve fuel economy and also assists in power boosts when needed. VW says its 0-60 time is 7.9 seconds and that's perfectly respectable. Most of us truly need vehicles capable of less than 10 seconds in 0-60 times.

Tiguan is unique in the category by offering a choice of either six-speed automatic or six-speed manual transmission options. The model I drove had the automatic transmission (an \$1100 option) but I think I would have felt more connected to the Tiguan with the six-speed manual.

Like all Volkswagens, Tiguan includes the "Prevent and Preserve Safety System," consisting of 45 safety features. As standard equipment, Tiguan includes six airbags, with rear side airbags available as an option. All 2009 model year Volkswagens feature standard Electronic Stabilization Program (ESP) for added safety. Volkswagen's ESP technology works in conjunction with anti-lock brakes and helps reduce loss of control and rollovers to avoid crashes. NHTSA predicts that nearly 10,000 lives could be saved each year if automakers included stability systems as stan-



The 2009 Volkswagen Tiguan is VW's entry into the compact sport utility vehicle market, but go ahead and call it a crossover utility vehicle.

dard equipment. It's going to be required in all new cars in 2012. Shun any dealer who tries to sell it as an expensive option right now. The Tiguan has an available panoramic sunroof "enabling almost 13 square feet of sunshine" as VW puts it. Sunroofs have absolutely no appeal to me, especially when they're a \$1300 option. Plus, I'm still skeptical about the repair costs for panoramic roofs after a rollover or collision. One aspect of the Tiguan that increases its functionality is its flexible seating. The rear seats, which recline, can move forward or backwards six inches. You get either additional leg room or cargo room. It comes in handy, especially when you want to move the second row back just enough so your three-year old can't kick the driver's seat. Visibility is extremely good in the Tiguan. My vision didn't feel obstructed by the B or C pillars as can be the case with some other CUVs. I found it easy to park in a variety of circumstances and it seems to have a much tighter turn-

ing ability than its 39.4 turning radius would suggest. VW says the Tiguan maintains "responsible fuel efficiency" of 18 mpg city and 25 mpg highway. The all-wheel drive version gets 18 city and 24 highway. Real-life experience in almost exclusive around-town driving was 15 mpg, but that was under maximum air conditioning during a heat spell. The numbers are about right for an SUV weighing 3,433 lbs. What's wrong is the turbo engine requires premium fuel. That puts the Tiguan at a disadvantage over its competitors. It has an annual fuel cost of \$3255 while the similar Nissan Rogue, which gets 21 city and 26 highway, has an annual fuel cost of \$2682. Annual fuel costs are provided by the EPA. Tiguan is available in three trim levels, S, SE, and SEL. It is base priced at \$23,200. VW loaned me the top of the line model, the SEL 4xMotion, which jumps the price up 42 percent to \$32,940. I'm not going to argue against the four-wheel drive for those who feel they need it (99 per-

cent of people don't), but you can save a lot of money by foregoing the sunroof (\$1300) and the DVD satellite navigation system (\$1950). Bells and whistles are fun but at what cost?

(Questions and comments about this review and other automotive concerns can be e-mailed to cars@keithgriffin.com. All queries are answered.)

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